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Labor groups object to bill

Senate committee passes update to antitrust laws

By Michael Journeé
Times-News writer

BOISE - Few question that Idaho's antitrust laws are antiquated and in need of reworking, but labor unions are wary about legislation endorsed by the Senate State Affairs Committee Monday.



Bruce Newcomb

But a section of the bill - which sailed through the House and passed the Senate committee

First drafted in 1919, the state laws designed to protect consumers from would-be monopolies don't address the modern business climate very well, bill backers said.

The bill, based on wide-ranging federal antitrust laws and several state examples, will go to the

More from Boise - B1,5-6

Monday - could allow groups of employees to get together and set wages, labor groups contend.

This provision would allow "any employer or groups of employers" - not just labor unions and other employee groups - to work on labor representatives. And that's what's labor representatives upset.

The bill, based on wide-ranging federal antitrust laws and several state examples, will go to the

Senate floor for a vote, after Monday's committee action. The House gave the measure its blessing early this month in a 69-0 vote. If the Senate approves the bill, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's signature would make it law.

Sponsored by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, the measure - which addresses civil litigation only - is intended to ban a variety of anti-competitive business practices such as price-fixing and bid rigging. The proposal sets forth some exemptions - such as

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Council stamps out smoking proposal

Local woman to take issue to state

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman said she will take her complaints about public smoking to state legislators.

That's after Twin Falls city officials said they couldn't act on her proposal to restrict public smoking in town.

"I'm going to contact our local representatives," Deana Steel, said Monday night, after she asked the Twin Falls City Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting smoking in public places, such as restaurants and public meetings.

Steel proposed a city ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products at city hall meetings, restaurants or public gatherings and within 30 feet of the public doors of business establishments.

Bur. City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said Idaho law regulates smoking in public places. Further smoking regulations or code amendments cannot be made at a local level.

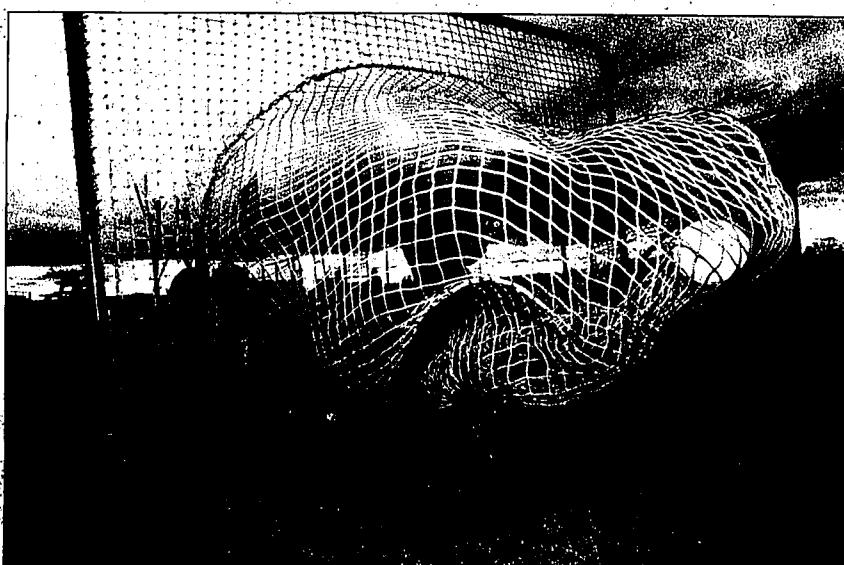
According to Idaho code, smoking areas can be designated by proprietors or other persons in charge of public places, except in places where smoking is prohibited by the fire marshal or by other law, ordinance or regulation.

State law allows smoking in bars and bowling alleys, for example, but doesn't allow it in buses or on elevators.

But Steel said the laws need to be stricter.

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BATTER UP



BRUCE SMITH/The Times-News

Elaine Gunnell slams a home run into a net during practice for the softball team in Kimberly on Monday. Despite a blustery wind and near-freezing temperatures, Gunnell and her teammates spent part of the afternoon practicing for the upcoming season that opens in early March.

It only happens once every 400 years

Once in a while, the earth gets ahead of itself

By S. N. Nokomint
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Even in figuring leap years, the rules have exceptions.

Normally leap year happens every four years, except for the last year in the century.

But this year is different. The exception to the rule - if the last year of the century is divisible by 400 it's still a leap year.

Leap day babies - A5

Still with me?

Four hundred goes into 2000 five times, so it's a leap year. That hasn't happened in -um - 400 years. The last time we had a year ending in 00 that was a leap year was 1600.

Of course, no one had computers in 1600, so no one had to worry about glitches when on how computer calendars are calibrated.

And if the experts are to be believed, no one should expect much problems caused by this low-down of sorts on Jan. 1, 2000.

Why the leap this year? It's all because the earth

doesn't go around the sun in 365 days. As it turns out, it doesn't go around in exactly 365 1/4 days either. In fact its orbit takes just a hair short of 365 1/4 days.

Those who keep track of such things - who obviously have too much time on their hands as well as on their minds - have calculated that the earth completes each orbit in 365.24219 days.

It's not much of a difference. But over, say, 400 years it becomes noticeable, as the earth goes a few days ahead of itself.

The problem all started with the Julian calendar, authored by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. This calendar concluded the year had 365 1/4 days and added one day every four years to make it come out even.

But the Romans were off - by 11 minutes and 14 seconds to be exact - according to Saint Bede the Venerable, an English Benedictine monk and scholar who worked it out in A.D. 730. The error was small, and no one did anything about it for 800 years.

The error adds up to one day every 128 years.

By the time Pope Gregory XIII decided to do something about it in 1582, the error had added an estimated 10 days. Gregory decreed that 10 days in October would simply be skipped. Oct. 4 that year was followed by Oct. 15.

To avoid seasonal creep, scholars of the day figured the error at about three days every 400 years.

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Governors press for more input on roadless area decisions

Kempthorne says Western states were left out of the loop

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Western governors on Monday urged President Clinton to listen to their concerns about environmental plans such as his proposal to protect up to 50 million roadless acres in national forests.

During a White House meeting sponsored by the National Governors' Association, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Western states were left out of the loop on the roadless initiative and other federal land-use plans. Clinton and George Frampton, the president's top

adviser on environmental issues, said they would consider the states' concerns, several governors said after the meeting.

"This is a very important issue in the West, access to lands. Sometimes perspective is lost on that by people in the East," said NGA President Mike Leavitt, Utah's Republican governor.

"You take Nevada, for example. Ninety percent of Nevada is owned by the federal government. So if you begin suddenly closing off access, you're closing off access to the entire state."

Clinton announced in October that the National Forest Service was starting an administrative process to ban road-building in up to 50 million acres which currently have no roads. The Forest Service intends to unveil a draft road-

less area protection plan in May.

Environmentalists have cheered Clinton's proposal but many Republicans have criticized it, saying it would usurp existing forest management plans and keep all but the hardiest athletes out of large tracts of government-owned forest.

"It's not necessarily practical in the West," said New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, a Republican.

Some Republicans also have accused the Clinton administration of springing an almost fully formed plan on them with little or no advance warning. Clinton has faced similar criticism of his land-use policies before, particularly over his 1996 creation of the 1.7 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah.



President Clinton leads a roundtable conference with governors in the East Room of the White House in Washington Monday. Joining the president at left is Gov. Paris N. Glendening, D-Md., and Gov. Michael Leavitt, R-Utah, chairman of the National Governors' Association.

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THE REGION

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Treasure Valley

High: 50 Low: 32
Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Chance of rain decreases tonight and tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 39 Low: 26
Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers late afternoon and evening.

Eastern Idaho

High: 43 Low: 29
Mostly cloudy with light winds. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow tonight.

Northern Idaho

High: 45 Low: 32
Cloudy with light rain likely and breezy. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

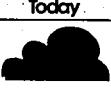
Northern Utah

High: 48 Low: 33
Mostly cloudy with a good chance of rain or snow tonight. Same tomorrow.

Northern Nevada

High: 47 Low: 33
Mostly cloudy with a good chance of rain or snow tonight. Same tomorrow.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST



High: 49 Low: 33
Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain.



High: 47 Low: 33
Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning rain.



High: 40s Low: 30s
Mostly cloudy.



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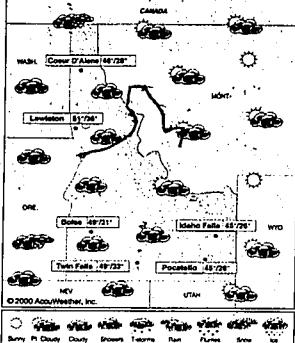


High: 40s Low: 30s
Mostly cloudy.

Idaho Weather

Tuesday, Feb. 29

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



UV INDEX

Index: 2

(minimal)

Burn time:

60 minutes

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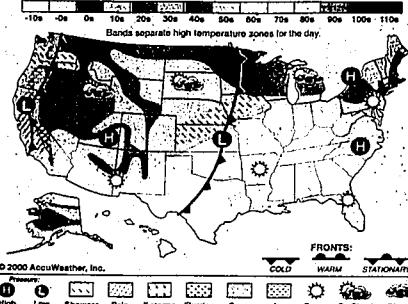
Sunset today: 6:27 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:14 a.m.

Lunar phase: New, March 6; first quarter, March 13; full, March 19; last quarter, March 27.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 29.



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Turn to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-16.24 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/itd/itd-road/index.html>

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Monday afternoon began with cloudy skies and rain mixed with snow in the Snake River Valley and eastern mountains. Conditions gradually improved throughout the day with mostly sunny skies in the central mountains and Magic Valley stretching to the east by mid-afternoon.

Valley temperatures were mainly in the 40s with upper 30s near Idaho Falls. Temperatures were mainly in the 30s, although Challis and Salmon climbed into the mid-40s. Lewiston was the warm spot today reaching 51 degrees and Mullan Pass was the cold spot at 26 degrees.

Nation: Rain darkened New England and parts of the West on Monday. Much of the rest of the country was fair.

Rain fell from Maine and New Hampshire, south into Massachusetts.

Fair and dry weather was seen from the Plains to the East Coast as a ridge of high pressure stretched from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast.

Some rain and high-level clouds were seen across the Plains due to a storm system pushing into the Rockies.

— The Associated Press

Opponents said Monday the measure goes beyond protecting labor interests by including employer groups.

"My clients would agree that a new law is warranted," said Alan Herzel, a Boise attorney representing the Trades Council. "The current language is old and draconian and does a lot of work."

But Herzel said exempting all employer groups from the law goes too far.

"In federal law there is no exception for groups of employers outside of groups working with employees on collective bargaining agreements," he said.

Sen. Lin Whitworth, D-Inkom, a retired railroad conductor and union activist, questioned why no labor groups are listed among the many business interests that worked with Newcomb to draft the measure this summer.

Brett DeLange of the attorney general's office said no one had been excluded from the drafting process and that since the measure had been part of the public record for more than a year labor should have spoken up sooner about its concerns.

"I don't believe (labor's) bargaining power has been diminished at all," Newcomb told the

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls Precipitation

Yesterday	48	34	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year	n/a	n/a	Month to date: 1.49
Normal	46	25	Normal mo. to date: .93
			Water year to date: 3.44
			Normal year to date: 5.07

High/Lows

Boise	48	36	High: 53 degrees at Parma, 53 degrees at Boise
Burley	49	38	Low: 28 degrees at Sun Valley
Coeur d'Alene	43	36	Normal: 46 at McCall, 46 at Lewiston, 46 at Big Piney, 46 at
Grangeville	40	36	High: 53 degrees at Parma, 53 degrees at Boise
Hagerman	39	36	Low: 28 degrees at Sun Valley
Idaho Falls	42	33	Normal: 46 at McCall, 46 at Lewiston, 46 at Big Piney, 46 at
Lewiston	53	39	High: 53 degrees at Parma, 53 degrees at Boise
McCall	41	31	Low: 28 degrees at Sun Valley
Pocatello	45	34	Normal: 46 at McCall, 46 at Lewiston, 46 at Big Piney, 46 at
Salmon	46	34	High: 53 degrees at Parma, 53 degrees at Boise
Stanley	37	28	Low: 28 degrees at Sun Valley
Sun Valley	50	36	Normal: 46 at McCall, 46 at Lewiston, 46 at Big Piney, 46 at

Comfort factors

Noon humidity: n/a

Noon temperature: n/a

Wind and rain counts: 0

Clouds and fog counts: 0

Asthma and allergy of Idaho return: 0

The Nation

	Max	Min	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	66	35	35	0
Anchorage	66	42	42	0
Atlanta	54	51	51	.24
Boston	55	30	30	0
Chicago	64	50	50	0
Dallas	68	37	37	0
Denver	66	34	34	0
Des Moines	66	31	31	0
Honolulu	75	40	40	0
Houston	57	28	28	0
Indianapolis	69	38	38	0
Los Angeles	61	46	46	.01
Minneapolis	68	38	38	0
New Orleans	71	54	54	.09
New York	70	44	44	0
Omaha	71	35	35	0
Phoenix	67	58	58	0
Pittsburgh	51	34	34	0
Portland, Ore.	64	43	43	0
Reno	50	31	31	0
St. Paul	65	34	34	0
Seattle	53	50	50	0
Seattle	47	41	41	0
Washington	59	36	36	0
Yuma	70	54	54	0

Canadian Cities

Calgary	35	0	0
Montreal	52	38	38
Toronto	59	36	36
Vancouver	46	40	40

committee.

In response to the concern over the employers' inclusion in the exemptions, Sen. Betsy Dunklin, D-Boise, proposed the measure be approved, provided this exemption is removed.

A substitute motion by Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, to endorse the measure without modification was approved by a 6-2 margin. Whitworth and Dunklin voted in opposition.

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night, city officials heard residents are generally happy with the services they're getting.

K. Kelsey Gray of Western Regional Institute for Community Oriented Public Safety gave a presentation to the City Council about her recent interviews with 150 residents. The interview was done to get thoughts from residents about Twin Falls and the public services provided, including

law enforcement.

Overall, residents said they trust local law enforcement and are happy with the level of public services.

"Twin Falls is a nice place to be," Gray said Monday.

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Leap

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— three too many leap days. To make it even out, they decided to drop leap years in years ending in 00, except those divisible by 400.

That was the easy part.

Where it gets dicey, is whether computer programmers knew the rule and the exception when they programmed a computer. If they used only the main rule — a leap year every four years — your computer would be correct. If they programmed a computer to assume there is no leap year in years ending in 00, your computer would say today is March 1.

But national computer experts, and the like, aren't expecting much technical trouble.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 NUMBERS

POWERBALL

7 9 23 37 49

POWERBALL NUMBER 7

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 NUMBERS

WILD CARD

7 9 16 19 22

WILD CARD: KING OF HEARTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 NUMBERS

FAST

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FAST NUMBER 12

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NATION

McCain, Bradley look for a lift in Washington primary

OLYMPIA (AP) — Insurgents John McCain and Bill Bradley were looking for a lift Tuesday as Washington's independent-minded voters cast primary ballots.

Republicans George W. Bush and McCain both made primary eve campaign appearances Monday, and Bradley got in a few more licks before decamping from an unusual go-for-broke visit of nearly a week. Vice President Al Gore, who campaigned in the state over the weekend, kept his eye on

Washington Monday.

A record 1 million were expected to vote in Washington, perhaps half of them by mail, drawn by the state's long campaign season such that the state has never seen. All three primary contenders have crisscrossed the state, mailboxes have been flooded with campaign literature, and the airwaves have been jammed with commercials — some attack ads and some feel-good spots like one about Gore's Mount Rainier climb.

Bradley needs a win — C6

All of this attention has come despite the reality that it's mostly for bragging rights and momentum. Bradley and the March 7 balloting in 16 states.

Washington's \$3 million primary won't award a single Democratic delegate, since the national party wouldn't give the state a waiver to jump ahead of the March 7 starting date for dele-

gate-selection.

Thus, the state Democrats will allocate their 94 national convention delegates through the caucus-convention process that begins next Tuesday in living rooms and schoolhouses across the state.

Rep. Bradley will choose only 12 of their 37 delegates through the primary returns.

Another little twist: Voters may select an unaffiliated ballot if they don't want to identify themselves as members of either party. Four years ago, 67 percent

of the voters chose the unaffiliated ballot, even though both parties have said they won't abide by the results.

"You all DESIGN this system?" an amused Gore asked a Seattle audience. Bradley called it "the Washington two-step."

Goofy system or not, the candidates have made the state a major battlefield, primarily because of the timing, coming just before Super Tuesday, and because of the unpredictable and even quirky electorate.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

State surplus: Spend some, save some, give some back

There's a good reason why Idaho is among the most fiscally conservative states in the nation. It's because Idaho voters elect leaders who require a lot of convincing before they'll spend the people's money.

That guiding principle has gotten Idaho to where it is today. Now that

given that public education consumes 45 percent of the \$1.8 billion budget proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. He has suggested a \$49 million budget hike for public schools, but lawmakers in Boise may limit that increase.

Every taxpayer in the state should applaud the Legislature's frugality, particularly at a time when state coffers are overflowing. Rather than raise spending to consume all the revenue, the Legislature should set some money aside for a rainy day — and then enact a tax cut to reduce revenue to match prudent spending.

And another thing...

If you're weary of local animal shelters putting unwanted dogs and cats to sleep, today is the day you can make a difference.

Today is Spay Day USA. Many veterinarians across southern Idaho are offering low rates to spay or neuter household pets. If your dogs and cats are already fixed, you can always sponsor a critter at your local animal shelter. Spaying or neutering them greatly enhances their chances of being adopted.

It all boils down to a matter of supply and demand. If we reduce the number of homeless animals, their lives will have more value. They — and their offspring — deserve more than a lethal injection and a one-way trip to the dump.

Every taxpayer in the state should applaud the Legislature's frugality, particularly at a time when state coffers are overflowing.

That's why the Legislature is cutting state budget requests even though it's awash in money. The idea is to fund essential services while keeping state government lean and hungry. Using that approach, it's inevitable that some of the budget surplus will survive.

Prudence dictates that some of the surviving surplus be salted away for the day when the state's economy cools. After that, fairness dictates that some be returned to taxpayers in the form of a tax cut.

But state lawmakers should not be pressured into tax cuts that are irresponsibly large. Just as they are slow to raise taxes, so should they be slow to lower them. If the economy turns sour, raising taxes to make up a short fall won't be popular.

Some of the proposed budget trimming is bound to affect Idaho's public schools. It's almost impossible to avoid,

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LETTERS

Let's hope this is the year

I have never taken the time to write a letter to the editor, and with the Jerome School bond election this week, I wanted to write in favor of it and my reasoning why.

In the past years, I have seen the improvement in our education system. Before leadership, more people giving of their time for the benefit of our youth. There are more parents, grandparents and teenagers who really care about what is going on in our growing town. Perhaps the year 2000 will provide a miracle in the ongoing quest for a successful bond election.

The new bond is less expensive. It will cost me less than my existing taxes on the override bond we currently have. The location is better, the plans are better and the youth of Jerome are worthy of the support. Even if the timing is rough due to present economics, what will happen five years from now if we do nothing?

Jerome has some wonderful people, as do all Magic Valley communities, and a large number of them have worked unselfishly for the progress of education. As I watch those young people leave the high school upon graduation, I want all of us to feel like we did our best to give them the start they will need for their lives. Please vote yes for Jerome!

Ahhh, Magic Valley — I love this place.

DAVID CAPPS

Jerome

Bank weighs in for bond issue

To the citizens of Jerome:

When D.L. Evans Bank decided to locate in Jerome, we made a commitment to be an active participant in the growth and productivity of the area. One important component of any strong, pro-

gressive community is a quality educational system.

Within the Jerome School District, we can be proud of what it achieves in its classrooms, playing fields and stages. Its achievements are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. Its programs are what they are because a staff of dedicated, aspiring men and women have a common goal — to do what is best for students — and are always looking for ways to achieve that goal. We need to provide them with adequate facilities so they can continue to excel in all areas of the educational process.

D.L. Evans Bank is asking for the citizens of Jerome to join with us in supporting the Jerome School District as they move forward with Thursday's bond levy election. Your positive stand for the new middle school will not only affect the lives of children but will also help maintain and expand the economic vitality and growth of Jerome, providing benefits to all who live, work and own businesses there.

JOHN V. EVANS
President, D.L. Evans Bank
Burley

Invest in our future generation

As an aging baby boomer, I recognize that my generation will soon be passing the baton to the next generation. How well our society and our economy function in the future will depend in large part upon how well we educate our children today.

I encourage voters to approve the Jerome School levy on Thursday. By investing in the education of today's children, we are investing in our own future as well.

LYNNE M. MATTISON
Jerome



Real selfish service at the gas station

Two years ago at a Texas convention, the president of a large petroleum company walked up to me and said, "I just bought gasoline for 68 cents a gallon."

I asked him how he managed to get such a great price.

"That's the cost before taxes are added," he said.

As fuel prices rise, pushing even passing, \$2 a gallon in parts of California, politicians blame production cutbacks by Arab nations. But the primary culprits are taxes, a refusal to exploit oil sources on U.S. territory for fear of a backlash from environmentalists, and what looks suspiciously like a deal among politicians, American oil companies and Arab oil-producing states.

Last week, angry truckers brought a convoy to Washington to protest the high fuel prices. Clinton and the Clinton administration could grant immediate relief to the truckers and to consumers of heating oil in the Northeast and consumers nationwide by accepting a National Taxpayers Union recommendation to cut gas prices by 10 cents per gallon.

The pre-tax price of gasoline at the pump barely changed between 1990 and 2000, actually declining from 88 cents per gallon to 85 cents as of last November. But over that same period, state and federal gasoline taxes jumped from 27 cents per gallon to 43 cents.

The 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (read tax increase)



CAL THOMAS

created a 4.3 cent-per-gallon fuel surtax for "deficit reduction." This tax continues even though we supposedly have a federal budget surplus.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the fiscal year 2000 "on budget" deficit, not including the so-called "fiscal 5.5," will total \$23 billion. With \$34.3 billion in fuel taxes allocated to the Highway Trust Fund this year, slashing the 18.4-cent gas tax and the 24.3-cent diesel tax by 10 cents won't negatively impact any current programs and won't consume any funds set aside for Social Security "reform."

The administration, which regularly claims to be looking out for the poor, could actually do something for low-income people by cutting the fuel tax by a dime. A recent study by the Tax Foundation shows that excise taxes are five times more burdensome to the poor than they are to the wealthy. Politically, everybody wins.

Taxes, though, aren't the only reason for the higher prices. President Clinton sends Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to the Middle East to ask for increased production by Arab oil states. They tell him not now. Why isn't someone asking

whether the fix is in with those nations that seemed to jack up prices from \$10 to \$30 a barrel? Not only because of the cash windfall but also to allow them to increase their arms purchases? The same goes for the oil-producing companies, which are happy to get their share of increased profits, and arms manufacturers, which are delighted to sell more arms and pad their own bottom lines.

Is anyone curious why neither the administration nor the Congress has criticized U.S. oil companies for running a monopoly while they have criticized and even sued Microsoft? There are many new sources of petroleum, including Mexico and Venezuela, since the Arab oil boycott of the '70s. There would be even more if U.S. land could be further exploited in environmentally friendly ways. After the cash has filled the right pockets, look for the administration and congressional Democrats to conduct a campaign to lower gas prices, which will fall between 10 and 15 cents per gallon before the election. Democrats will claim the credit and the media will persuade the public to give it to them.

There is no legal or moral reason for fuel prices to be so high, but with the new oil flowing from the long-lost gasoline, don't look for anything legal or moral to be done until the possibly illegal and certainly immoral have topped off the pockets of the greedy and the sleazy.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

LETTERS

Step up to it, Jerome!

Jerome voters, step up to the bat. Now is the time to build a new middle school. It will only cost more later and we'll get less for our money.

A new school will get our ninth-graders out of the high school so it can function like it should. We have a great community and lots for which to be proud. I have never been more proud of our athletic teams; they made a big impression in the A-1 district in their last year.

Our downtown looks great with the new construction that's been done just summer and our Christmas decorations were second to none. Sure, our downtown area has lost a lot of retail; no one's business has felt that more than mine, but it's time to bite the bullet and bring our school system up to date with an affirmative vote on Thursday.

A new school will be the icing on the cake for our community.

ALLEN AND JO RENE LEE
Jerome (Currently in Yuma, Ariz.)

What would we really be getting?

Classrooms or offices?

I was informed that the eight classrooms we passed the bond for was going to be split and there would be four classrooms and four offices. Is this true?

KATHY HEPWORTH
Jerome

Please reconsider that 'no' vote

For those Jerome School District residents considering voting no on the school bond because you want to protest high property taxes, please reconsider. You are choosing to protest the easy way at the expense of our children.

Each taxing district holds a public hearing on their proposed expenditures that will be paid for with your tax dollars prior to the taxes being assessed.

Attend these meetings or contact your county commissioners, City Council

members, highway district commissioners and other representatives of these taxing districts.

Vote yes on the bond and then protest through the proper channels. The children in our community don't deserve to be penalized because we are too lazy to become involved.

LAURIE HARBERD
Jerome

Home is a click away

I am from Twin Falls and I am currently serving my country as a Navy nurse in Jacksonville, Fla. I wanted to thank you for writing The Times-News on line. It's nice to be able to keep up to date on current issues in the Magic Valley and have a small piece of "home" available at the click of a mouse.

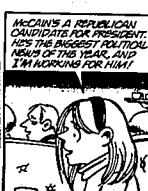
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Oregon governor
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Court upholds malpractice case

BOISE — The Idaho Supreme Court rejected most of an appeal by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in a \$1.7 million malpractice lawsuit.

In February 1998 a jury awarded Pauline Perry \$1.55 million in economic damages and \$150,000 in non-economic damages for an injured sciatic nerve she suffered in 1994 when a hospital nurse gave her two tetanus shots. After District Judge Daniel Meehl denied the hospital's request for a new trial, the hospital appealed to the Supreme Court. The hospital said Meehl had erred in his findings regarding evidence, and it said some jury instructions and the special verdict form were erroneous, a court spokesman said. The Supreme Court rejected those claims, but agreed with the hospital's claim that Meehl was wrong to award certain costs to Perry. The Supreme Court sent the case back to District Court to settle disputed discretionary costs and to reduce costs by \$489, the spokesman said.

Livestock moratorium request tabled in Gooding

GOODING — A request for a four-month livestock moratorium in Gooding County has been tabled for later action by county commissioners.

The request was made about a month ago by the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The county's three commissioners decided to go on the record as taking no action on the planning commission request, County Clerk Helen Edwards said. Planning commission Chairman Dave Adair said the moratorium was requested to gain time to refine nutrient management aspects of confined animal feeding operations. Adair said he does not believe the planning commission has the tools necessary to bring offending CAFOs into compliance.

Livestock moratoriums have been an issue in other Magic Valley counties. Cassia County has a moratorium in place; Twin Falls County commissioners have rejected requests for a livestock moratorium.

Pickup found in canal; driver hospitalized

BLISS — Gooding County deputies were unable to figure out why an 18-year-old drove his pickup into a canal Monday.

The crash sent John Dustin Hennington of Bliss to Gooding County Memorial Hospital, and a Life Flight helicopter was called to take him to another hospital Monday night, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said.

Hennington and his truck were found at around 6:30 p.m. in the roadside canal about six miles west of Bliss on U.S. Highway 30, Gough said. Investigators hadn't determined why the accident happened and were continuing their investigation, he said.

Schedule change topic at Robert Stuart parent forum

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High School will host a parent forum today to discuss a proposed new schedule for the 2000-01 school year. Under the plan, called block scheduling, students would take four 85-minute classes a day, alternating classes every other day. The purpose is to give teachers more time for lesson planning and in-depth instruction. It also would allow time to offer reading classes for several of the eighth grades and advanced remedial ninth-grade classes. It would reduce the number of days a student could be absent from school.

Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School moved to block scheduling this school year. Today's meeting will be held 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria at Robert Stuart.

TF planners consider variety of issues

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold several public hearings in its meeting tonight.

The commission will discuss a request from Rickie and Leesa Musser for a special-use permit to operate an automobile sales business on property at 2441 Kimberly Road. The commission will also have a public hearing on an Albertson's Inc. request to operate a gas station at 851 Pole Line Road.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Twin Falls City Hall.

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Bill would can 'spam'

By Michael Journeay
Times-News writer

mittees for further debate.

BOISE — Another example of how the Internet has changed everyday life came up on the floor of the House of Representatives Monday.

A bill aimed at restricting "spamming" — the practice of sending large amounts of unsolicited electronic mail, generally of a commercial nature — was approved by a vote of 62-2 and will be passed on to Senate com-

mittees for further debate.

Sponsored by Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, the measure would amend the Idaho Consumer Protection Act by prohibiting a person from sending bulk e-mail advertisements to people who have asked to not be included in such campaigns. The measure also proposed penalties for violators of the proposed law.

"This will not stop all spamming, but it would give the attorney general more tools for dealing with the more egregious

cases," Smith said.

The measure requires that anyone who sends bulk e-mail advertisements must include a "readily identifiable" e-mail address to which the recipient can reply. It provides that any message that misrepresents or fails to identify its point of origin is illegal.

Smith's measure also would

give the recipient the option of filing suit to recover actual damages caused by spamming. Or in

place of actual damages a recipi-

ent can sue the sender for \$100 for each e-mail received or \$1,000.

The measure excludes unknowing Internet or e-mail access providers from liability.

Smith said that much of the material involved in spamming is sexually oriented in addition to bulk commercial e-mail.

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, who co-sponsored the bill with Smith, told legislators that spamming is becoming a serious problem.

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Officials to work on city plan

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City officials expect to work all day long on the city's strategic plan for the coming year.

City Council members and city staff have scheduled an all-day work session to develop a strategic plan for 2000-2001, which will probably include such goals as providing better fire and police services, reducing traffic congestion and improving the water and waste water systems.

A survey sent out to residents last year should help officials work out a plan, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

Of 2,700 surveys sent out, the city got back 658 responses from people in all areas of the city, ages 18 to 74. They were asked how they feel about the city's services.

The meeting will start at 8 a.m. at the Best Western Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls. The response to year's survey was the lowest compared with other years, said Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin. He blamed the time of year, saying it was sent out too close to Christmas.

Courtney said city officials also filled out a questionnaire that included questions about the city's mission statement and whether it reflected the vision they have for the city and issues that will be important in the coming years.

Courtney said the strategic plan theme usually stays the same throughout the years. Many of the same issues, such as the water system and public safety, will probably remain important goals.

But items outlined as necessary plans to work on in previous strategic plans usually turn into an implementation strategy, Courtney said.

For instance, the city's 1998-1999 plan to develop a Twin Falls Second Century community plan, which is still being worked on, could become the strategy to make Twin Falls Second Century a community plan in reality in 2000-2001.

The city's strategic plan is separate from the city's mission statement, though the two cover many of the same issues. And the city's mission statement could be revised along with the strategic plan, Courtney said.

"Everything we do from a policy and budget planning standpoint concentrates on these (strategic plan) objectives," Courtney said.

Up to this point, the plan has covered all the important aspects of the city. But if something important is left out, the plan could be revised, Courtney said.

"It hasn't been done before," he said.

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Using 'natural' analogies



Heather Williams shows her class a plant with fibrous roots during a biology class at Gooding High School. Williams is The Times-News' A+ Teacher for February.

Learning stems from best examples

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

Insights in education

GOODING — A plant's cuticle — a delicate, waxy coating that protects it from water — can't be compared to the lotion used to hydrate human skin.

That's one example teacher Heather Williams uses to make biology terms easier for her high school students to understand and remember.

She filled her lesson on plant structures Monday with numerous tangible examples, and students say that's one thing they like about her teaching style.

"She always backs up her lessons with an analogy or an example to make things easier to understand," student Hollie M. Story said.

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A+ Teacher

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high school level," said Williams, who can have reading abilities in a single class that range from the fifth grade to college level.

The most challenging part of her job, she said, is challenging all students.

Osman says Williams varies her lectures and tries to avoid doing the same thing every day, so students will wonder what tomorrow will bring in her classes. Even seating is changed every two or three weeks. She uses the white board one day for notes, a computer presentation the next and then the overhead projector for variety.

"A try to meet all of their needs, which is really hard at the

beginning," she said.

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OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Veda Rose Gier

Veda Rose Gier, 57, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at her home.

Veda was born September 16, 1942, in Payette, Idaho. On May 30, 1961, she married Larry E. Gier. Veda loved children and helped raise many, including nieces and nephews. Among her greatest loves were her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed time with her husband, Larry. She also loved the sound of birds, and her love of God was especially awesome. Veda was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Larry E. Gier, a son, Larry A. Gier, Jr., also of Twin Falls; a daughter, Melanie (Pete) Hine of Twin Falls; brothers, Gary (Myrna) Brubaker of Boise, Larry (Diane) Brubaker of Shoshoni, Idaho; and a family (Barbara) Brubaker of Central Valley; two sisters, Vida Otero of Twin Falls, and Mary (Pete) Fica, also of Boise; her grandchildren, Steve and Karmie of Twin Falls, and Sara Gier of Terre Haute, Indiana; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

The funeral service will take place at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence Geddes officiating. Burial will follow at the Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Colonel White in the military, he served in Korea and in Europe, serving with the military police, he was awarded the Legion of Merit Citation. After military retirement, he worked for the Texas State Water Resources Department for two years before returning to Idaho. Clyde was an avid golfer, having many "holes-in-one" to his credit, also enjoyed playing pinochle with his family and friends. Clyde was a kind, caring person and was very devoted to his family and friends. He was especially devoted to his "best friend," his dog, Toots, who enjoyed his jaunts in the car with his master.

Surviving Clyde are his wife, Darlene; daughter Valerie (Dave) Gallagher of Temecula, Calif.; son, Craig (Jan) Murphy of Dallas, TX; and Granddaughter of Fort Worth, KS; his step-children, Karen (Kelli) Brent, Brent, Crooks, and Kelli (Dallas) Anderson; and 15 grandchildren. Clyde is also survived by his brother, Larry (Linda) Murphy of Pocatello; 10 sisters, Catherine (Howard) Beer of Aloka, OK.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Wayne Murphy.

A memorial service celebrating

Clyde's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Jim Evans of the Heritage Alliance Church officiating.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Clyde's memory to the building fund of the Heritage Alliance Church, or to Idaho Home Health and Hospice. Contributions may be left with chapel staff at the services or mailed to Reynolds Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Myrtle Emelia Graesch

Our loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend Myrtle Emelia Graesch, 79, passed away on February 27, 2000, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Myrtle was born March 15, 1920, in West Point, Nebraska, to Harry Martin and Celia (Marie) (Jensen) Hansen, the fourth of five children. She graduated in 1938 from Lyons High School, in a graduating class of four young women who were also best of friends. She moved to Idaho, in 1955, and then moved to Buhl, Idaho, where she has lived for the past 43 years. Mother was a quilter. She made many quilts to provide warm, loving treasures for her family and friends. We were often in awe of the beautiful creations she made. Her mother was foremost a Christian lady. She loved the analogy of describing the Christian church as that of a quilt. Each of us is a block that makes up the whole and each is equally important. Jesus is our master quilter, who beautifully ties the entire quilt together by stitches of the Holy Spirit.

She is preceded in death by her husband, M. Graesch; her parents; her three brothers, Laverne, Arthur and Harry Hansen; and one grandson, Bruce Estes. Myrtle is survived by her son, Dan (Carolyn) Balfour of Ponca City, Okla.; a daughter, Gena (Larry) Stange (Lee) from Ashland, Nebraska; son, Rev. Alvin Newton (Karen) from Rosedale, and Roger Newton (Diane) from Twin Falls, Idaho; daughters Suzanne Butler (Steve) of Eagle, Idaho, and Mary Graesch (Mike) of Buhl; a granddaughter, Choryl Smith from California; 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2000, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl, Idaho. Interment will be at Cemetery immediately following services. A viewing for friends and relatives will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Memorials may be made to the West End Senior Citizen Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, Idaho 83316.

FILER

Herman G. Tullos

Herman Glen Tullos, 75, of Filer, died in Twin Falls, Idaho, Thursday morning, February 17, 2000, of a heart attack.

After retiring from the Paragon Co. in San Francisco, California, he moved to Filer in 1970. He served in World War II in the Army as a pharmacist. In San Francisco, Herman joined the Moose Lodge and served as their chaplain. In the Filer and Twin Falls areas, Herman was a volunteer for days a week at the Community Action Center, helping to distribute food and commodities to the less fortunate, low-income families, and the

homeless. He had served in this capacity for many years and loved helping others.

Herman leaves behind many friends; and two sisters in California, Gale Atkinson in San Fernando, and Hope Tullos Ingraham in San Jose. He had 12 nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed.

Local arrangements were under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HEYBURN

Charles Anderson

Charles Anderson, age 76, of Heyburn, Idaho, returned to his Lord on February 28, 2000, in Buhl, Idaho.

Charles was born November 16, 1924, in Hyrum, Utah, the son of Peter Hans Andersen and Anna Irene Coburn Andersen. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving the Purple Heart, the Bronze Service Star and an Army Occupation Medal. He was a painter by trade, working for IAI Thaxton and Kay O'Brien for much of his life. Charles served honorably, and was a credit to his country and to his wife, Linda. Charles died in 1952. She preceded him in death in 1964. He married Linda Wink in 1964. They were later divorced.

He is survived by eight children, Shari (Johnnie) Murphy of Pocatello, Idaho; Robert Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Jodie (Greg) Tolson, Woodlawn, Ill.; Wayne Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rebecca Anderson, American Fork, Utah; Brian Anderson, Odlin, Ill.; and Michelle Anderson, Odlin, Ill.; 23 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Also survived are Leland Anderson, Portland, Ore.; John Halliday, St. George, Utah; Ruth Andersen, Cedar Ridge, Colorado; Raymond Dean Andersen, Cedar City, Utah; Jack Andersen, Boise, Idaho; Harold Anderson, Buhl, Idaho; Carl Tolson, Alice, Colorado; and JoAnna (Gary) Hoskins, Hazelton, Idaho; and many loving nieces and nephews, too numerous to mention.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Violet Anderson, Cora Stokes and Ruth Anderson; and one brother, David Anderson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Heyburn LDS Chapel, with Bishop Gene Price officiating. Friends and family may call at the Hansen home, 1040 1/2 W. Main St., on Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, February 29, 2000, and one hour before services on Wednesday. Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

BURLEY

Myrtle Emelia Graesch

At the request of the family there will be no funeral services. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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A golden heart stopped beating; a determined spirit was at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

BURLEY



Margaret A. Hale

Margaret A. Hale, 77-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at the Minden Memorial Hospital-Extended Care Facility in Rupert.

She was born September 15, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia. She was daughter of George and Catherine Stogsdill Palmer. She married Ollie "K" Leale on July 19, 1936, in Burley. She had been suffering from brain tumors, and had been living with her daughter, Pat Barnes, until health forced her into the hospital in Rupert.

Survivors include four sons, Carol (Karen) Hale of Burley, Jerry (Louise) Hale of Rupert, Jim (Uauna) Hale of Oakley, and John (Tawnya) Hale of Minden. Also surviving are a brother, Pat (Jim) Barnes of Heyburn, and a son, Dixie Palmer of Kennewick, Washington; four grandchildren, that she raised, Christene West of Eugene, Oregon, Candy Joy of Woodland, California, Debbie Gorman of Burley, and one brother, Dixie Palmer of Twin Falls, and one brother, Willard Palmer of Twin Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one sister.

At the request of the family there will be no funeral services. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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SERVICES

Donald C. Wavra of Buhl, services at 2 p.m. today at the Church of the Nazarene in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Gertude Rodgers Lobrot of Twin Falls, services at noon Wednesday at McDougal Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friends may call from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home (local arrangements

by White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

John L. Howe of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. March 19 at the Grace Baptist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

William "Bill" F. Bunn of Bliss, services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hagerman Christian Center. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Raymond C. Addey

AURORA, Utah - Raymond Cooper Addey, 60, of Aurora, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000, at the University of Utah Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 26, 2000, at the Aurora City Cemetery, officiated by Bishop Bart Reynolds. Arrangements are under the direction of Springer-Turner Funeral Home of Salina, Utah.

Frank Perrine - TWIN FALLS - Frank Perrine, 81, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

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Admits

Mark Craig of Twin Falls; and Carlos Huerta of Kimberly.

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Dismissed

Maribel Reyes and daughter, and Skylar R. Anderson, both of Burley; and Dale Ulrich of Rupert.

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Irma Farfan and son, Lloyd Mothershead, Julie Smith and son, and Emmanuel A. Rosales, all of Rupert.

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Seminar focuses on leadership

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

ALBION — If his efforts will help make someone a leader in their community, Dick Gardner doesn't mind the traveling.

Gardner, president of the Boise-based Idaho Rural Partnership, will travel to Albion with the organization to help run the 2000 Community Center Mini-Forum at the Marsh Creek Events Center in Albion.

The forum is designed for everyone from city government workers to librarians. And Gardner said there's plenty of room for others to join the 25

folks who've already signed up and plan to work together to help find solutions.

"A lot of problems, these days, are solved in partnerships," Gardner said. "We'll have five trainers that will get to talk a little bit. We lead a conversation and then we hope a lot of people will share their experiences."

Attendees said the conference, which is set to run all day and a half, is better suited for a day.

"We found the longer conferences were great, in that we could do only things in larger towns," Gardner said. "This way, people can choose three of six programs that we offer and still do it within a day. It's just a real energizing experience. People usually come

away feeling recharged."

Those who attend the conference, which starts at 8:30 a.m., will leave with leadership abilities that are designed to help those people strengthen their communities, Gardner said.

"Effective progress is only made in communities with strong community leaders and local organizations," Gardner said. "We're offering training opportunities for people to improve their skill levels and effectiveness."

Those interested in attending the forum can register at the event. The cost for the program is \$35, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, training materials and "a good time," Gardner said.

Deputy will run in May primary

By Thomas Mohrlang
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — A Cassia County sheriff's deputy is running against his boss in the May Republican primary election.

George Warrell Jr., of Burley, is seeking the post held by current sheriff Billy Crystal for the past 15 years.

Warrell said he's confident he has the experience necessary to do the job.

"I believe I can run a better department," said Warrell, 59, who has lived in Burley for the

past 42 years with his wife, Pat. "I don't think (my experience has) made me stale. I think it's made me observant and creative and more interested than anyone else around."

Crystal declined comment on Warrell's announcement, saying he wants to wait until after the spring candidate filing deadline to make a statement.

Warrell's father, George Warrell Sr., is a former Burley police chief. George Warrell Jr.'s son, George Warrell III, is Heyburn's police chief.

George Warrell Jr. served as a

reserve officer and part-time dispatcher in the Burley Police Department from the mid-1960s until its consolidation with the Cassia County Sheriff's Department in 1986. In 1988, he became a full-time dispatcher and reserve deputy with the department. In 1994, he attended the Idaho Peace Officers Training Academy and received a Peace Officer Standards Training Council certificate.

Times-News correspondent Thomas Mohrlang can be reached through the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-4042.

Work

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the operation.

Financing will be about one-quarter percent higher than expected, Schultz has said. That averages \$2,000 to \$3,000 more annually that the county will have to pay.

But district and county officials contend that the joint effort will save the county money in the long-run.

Waste district officials have guaranteed tipping fees at the new transfer station and the Hub Butte Landfill would drop 52-percent as soon as the contract takes effect. The contract takes effect when the transfer station is operational and runs through May 31, 2014.

The reduced rate will help the county pay off the rest of its \$4 million Hub Butte debt, half of

which has already been paid. Hub Butte will remain open for specialized waste.

Schultz told the commissioners Monday that the county would need to revise its Hub Butte Landfill operation plan.

But the county's biggest decision the commissioners need to make soon will be whether to close the West End Transfer Station in Buhl or try and restructure Buhl's biweekly trash pickup schedule. Twin Falls County and waste district officials have said this schedule is creating high pickup costs for Buhl residents.

Buhl city officials have said they want to continue with the weekly schedule.

"That is going to be a tough decision," Commissioner Marvin Hemplman said Monday.

The county's plans to join the

district has also raised some concerns among some county employees.

County employees at the Hub Butte Landfill will be laid off by the district when the contract takes effect. And they will have the chance to reapply with the district, Schultz said. The hiring and salaries will be "based on performance."

Schultz said Monday that a district manager will be placed at the new transfer station and those working at Hub Butte will be reassigned to the new station.

The merger will create two or three new jobs, Schultz said in an earlier interview. Hourly wages will increase between \$12.25 and \$15.00, he said. The average wage of county employees at Hub Butte is \$8 to \$10 per hour.

CSI

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for the club to meet its projected expenses.

A 9 percent increase in out-of-state and foreign student tuition from \$110 per credit to \$120 per credit. These rates are paid in addition to regular tuition and fees, which weren't raised last year.

In other business the board:

Approved a revision to CSI's policies and procedures manual. The board will discuss the issue of employee drug testing at another time. It was not included in the

manual approved Monday.

Approved a \$1 million transfer from the general fund to plant facilities, which had a balance of about half a million dollars. In a memo to the board, the college says it committed more than \$1 million in matching funds to a classroom expansion project in one building. More than \$1 million is needed for other projects. A real-estate purchase on North College Road, regularly scheduled maintenance and renovation projects have depleted the fund, the memo said.

Learned that the college

secured environmental permits needed to install campus bridges that will once again provide vehicle access from the center of campus to Frontier Road. The college had approved from the Twin Falls Canal Co. and started the project, but also needed approval from the Idaho Department of Water Resources that manages 100-year flood plain.

An unknown person over the summer destroyed timber bridges that had been in place, and the college is replacing them with bridges that have steel culverts running under them.

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Williams' mottoes.

If they need help either with school work or personal issues, students say they feel comfortable going to Williams, who they say gets involved with their

school activities.

"She's usually the first one to ask you what's wrong," student Ali Nelson, 15, said.

The best part of the job, Williams says, is discovering the perspectives her students bring

to a discussion and see the way they look at the world.

Times-News education writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241, or by e-mail at jsandmann@mvgcvalley.com

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Gravel pit's future looks bleak

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — New restrictions on gravel pits in Minidoka County are one step away from being completed.

The public has until March 13 to comment on the proposed ordinance. At that time, commissioners are expected to sign the final version of the ordinance.

Restrictions in the ordinance were developed by the Minidoka County Planning and Zoning department in answer to the concerns of neighbors about the Triple C gravel pit, located on 200 North owned by David Coats. Coats applied for a permit to begin mining a new pit after mining out one of his other pits.

Neighbors said the gravel pit is an eyesore because of weeds and stagnant water, and the pits need setbacks and other regulations. Hoping for regulations similar to Cassia County's, neighbors circulated a petition asking for more stringent regulations.

The ordinance would require

minimum setbacks from roads and neighboring property lines, with a maximum slope of 45 degrees to be backfilled next to those roads and property lines.

It also would require a buffer to obscure the site. The buffer can be hedges, trees or mounds of earth and must be in place before the pit reaches 200 feet from neighboring property lines.

To fulfill this requirement, a gravel pit owner can develop a strip subdivision along the edge of the pit. But homeowners in the subdivision must be notified of the pit and its location in their backyard, said Paul Astor, head of the Minidoka County Planning and Zoning department. Safety fencing with security-access gates around the pit also would be required. New hours of operation for gravel pits would be from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Gravel pits would be allowed to operate on Sunday only if a special-use permit were granted, and gravel crushing would be allowed only in the bottom of the pit. Other restrictions

included a ban on standing water, but a special permit could be granted if the owner wanted to develop a pond in the bottom of the pit.

Aston researched regulations in Cassia and other counties to help develop Minidoka County regulations, he said. The county granted Coats a permit in July for a seven-acre gravel pit, just before the debate about new regulations. If the proposed regulations are adopted, Triple C would be bound by the regulations. Triple C would be able to comply with the new regulations, Coats said. The seven-acre pit is almost mined out one of his other pits.

Coats said he will be asking for a permit for a larger pit. There are several other gravel pits on the Snake River near the Triple C pits, including one owned by the Minidoka County Highway District.

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Gateway development plans remain uncertain

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A parcel of land near Exit 208 is unlikely to be developed publicly, an advisory committee told Minidoka County commissioners Monday.

Private development of the county-owned property off Interstate 84 probably would be the best solution, said Gary Asson, chairman of the advisory committee. He noted a Mini-Cassia combined fairgrounds, arena and recreational facility has been discussed in the past.

"As I recall, a number of contrasting views were expressed," he said.

Asson and Commissioner Don Handy agreed that public development should also be tax-exempt.

"Anything the public could have an uphill run," Handy said. "A combined fairgrounds would be really neat, but not there."

Asson suggested to commissioners that a nationwide marketing effort be done through the Mini-Cassia Development Commission.

"I'm going to be surprised if we don't get a lot of interest in that property when it is marketed nationally," Asson said. "It is ripe for development and worth a heck of a lot more than the appraised value."

The property has been appraised at \$153,000, but the appraiser is losing a number of reasons — the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has a easement on the property, and the property can't be used for fuel dispensing, Asson said.

Commissioners plan to take the

committee's comments under advisement.

A public hearing may be done for up to \$3,000, which has been set aside to determine restrictions and covenants for the property, Commissioner John Remsberg said.

But Tom Williams, a developer who has expressed interest in the property, asked commissioners when all these studies and decisions would happen. Williams wants to bring an architectural design and an artist's rendition of what he would like to do with the property to the commissioners within two to three months.

Williams has proposed a privately-funded 1800's-style gold rush resort with a restaurant, cabins and recreational facilities. His plan would include an urban fishery, including a place for people from town to come and fish.

The fishery would fit in with Fish and Game's easement to the pond. But Fish and Game would

like access to the lake to plant fish, Remsberg said.

Williams said his proposal would make the area look nice, attract tourists from around the world and bring in jobs.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this project is the one for that area," he said.

But Rick Bellar, the county attorney, said the commissioners would be very deliberate with the decision process about the property.

"For the community, once you've made the decision, it's done," said Ferrel King, one of the advisory committee members.

The main thing commissioners are trying to accomplish with the property is to make it a gateway to the area, Remsberg said.

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Feds plan to keep an eye on field burning

SPOKANE (AP) - Clean-air advocates have persuaded federal regulators to begin monitoring smoke from spring wheat stubble burning in Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Environmental Protection Agency officials are coordinating plans with local and state air-quality staff.

"We want to make it a regional inquiry into the human health and environmental effects of field burning," Regional Counsel Jack Fox said.

Washington wheat growers early last year reached a voluntary agreement with the state to

cut emissions from wheat stubble burning in half over seven years.

And a spokesman for the Washington Association of Wheat Growers criticized the new plans.

"We think EPA will conclude the progress we are making protects public health, and there's no need for them to step in," said Brett Blunkenship of Ritzville.

"The Washington Department of Ecology welcomed federal involvement in light of last fall's passage of Initiative 695, which cut car license tabs and forced budget cuts at many state agencies," spokeswoman Jani Gilbert said.

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cut emissions from wheat stubble burning in half over seven years.

Lawyers for Save Our Summers, a Spokane clean-air advocacy group, requested federal involvement, Fox said.

"We've been asked to evaluate wheat stubble burning and to determine whether EPA considers it necessary to bring an enforcement action" under the federal Clean Air Act, Fox said.

The agency has emergency powers to curtail emissions from industries that pollute the air. In most cases, it delegates air-quality regulation to the states.

Farmers contend they need to burn periodically to clear fields of insects, plant diseases and stubble left after harvest, and to promote future growth.

Critics maintain agricultural burning is a major source of air pollution in Washington and creates future growth.

Last October, lawyers for Save Our Summers sought a federal judge's order to halt wheat stubble burning in Washington and Idaho, under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

It is still pending.

Budget-cutting effort comes up short

BOISE (AP) - With House tax-cutters digging in their heels behind a huge election-year break, their budget writing counterparts have been bracing against substantially curtailing the spending blueprint of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to accommodate reduced revenue.

But the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee came up a little short on an initial test of its resolve Monday, providing what could be a preview of the problems it will face if taxes are cut by tens of millions of dollars this year.

The committee also headed off an attempt to bar a user council from allocating revenue from the special recreational vehicle permits to projects upgrading campgrounds on national forest lands.

Critics of this year's \$1 million allocation to the forest service from more than \$3 million disbursed for all projects claim it is inconsistent with the state's battle to gain more access to federal lands.

But Parks and Recreation Director Yvonne Ferrell pointed out



again that with two thirds of Idaho's land in federal ownership, facilities on those tracts are as important as those on state park land.

The effort to preclude any federal projects died on a 10-10 vote.

The fate was the same, though not as close, for two attempts to eliminate just \$1 million earmarked for school district technology coordination from the \$1.8 billion general tax budget. It was only after five alternatives were considered that the committee settled on Kempthorne's option of reducing the program to \$500,000.

"I don't know when or where this Legislature made a commitment that these programs will go on forever," House Appropriations Chairman Bob Geddes said in apparent frustration. "Where is it going to stop?"

There were still six votes

against the Kempthorne compromise from lawmakers who believed the entire \$1 million should be retained.

While the committee has been nickel and diming the general tax budgets of agencies that have only limited impact on the overall revenue picture, it has avoided any major reductions to free up cash for a tax cut that some in the House want to total over \$50 million. Some of the committee leaders reasoned, it would make the difference out of the state aid package for public schools, possibly the most politically sensitive budget the Legislature sets each year.

Even attempts to tinker with that package were beaten back on Monday. Support was marginal for proposals to divert cash to the coordination program from the amount schools get annually to make technological improvements.

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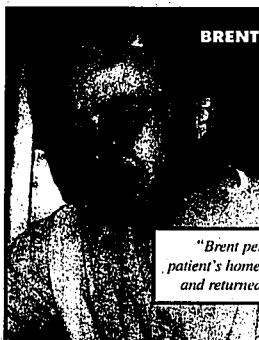
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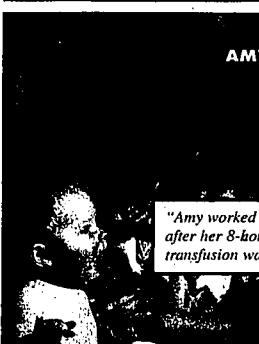


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AMY SMITH, RN

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House approves examiner's office

BOISE (AP) - Years of effort by Rep. Margaret Henbest finally paid off as the House approved her plan for standardizing death investigation procedures statewide by creating an office of state medical examiner.

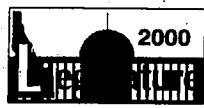
The 38-29 vote on Monday came a year after the House voted 39-31 to kill a similar proposal from the Boise Democrat, a nurse practitioner who had made modernizing Idaho's state coroner system a personal cause.

She was hopeful about final legislative approval in the Senate.

"If the system worked well I would not be here before you today," Henbest told her House colleagues. "This is a difficult but important step for our state to take."

Her arguments' withstand assault from opponents, who said the bill would establish another layer of expensive and unnecessary state bureaucracy that favors urban areas while undermining the authority of locally elected officials.

"This appears to be another of our one-size-fits-all, sock-it-to-



rural-Idaho-bills," Republican Rep. Lenore Barrett of Challis said. "Even though we may have succeeded in getting it done, we ought to do it a little more, maybe a little further."

But Henbest's acceptance of an amendment proposed by GOP Rep. Kent Kunz of Pocatello, localizing the makeup of the medical advisory commission that would hire and oversee the medical examiner, seemed to overcome some of the concerns expressed about her bill in the House State Affairs Committee.

Rather than a nine-member panel including an attorney general appointee, the state appellate public defender and the director of the state forensic laboratory, the amended legislation calls for a five-member commission of all

local officials.

Idaho is one of nine states solely dependent on county coroners to conduct death investigations and one of four - along with Colorado, Indiana and South Dakota - that both directly elects its county coroners and requires no professional qualifications for office.

Henbest contends the system, little changed in more than a century since statehood, has led to a crazy quilt of often inconsistent local protocols for investigating deaths. When coroners lack the resources or expertise to do their jobs thoroughly, she said, it too often has resulted in a heart-wrenching lack of resolution for the families of people whose deaths were unattended or suspicious.

Her plan calls for making a forensic pathologist, hired by the governor-appointed commission as state medical examiner, responsible for training coroners, developing a uniform protocol for conducting death investigations, performing autopsies and providing expert testimony.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Sent to Governor

SB1241 (Transportation) - Provides specific limitations to parking for vehicles identified by special plates or cards for people with disabilities.

Legislative Action Complete

HB1040 (Local Government and Taxation) - Rejects a State Tax Commission pending rule to trade-downs and barrier.

HB1041 (Local Government and Taxation) - Requests legislative support for a fully funded public employee pension plan that has a sufficient reserve to withstand a substantial market correction.

Introduced in Senate

SB1150 (Judiciary and Rules) - Limits reimbursement for transportation expenses to five members of a family no matter how many may be transported in the same vehicle.

Introduced in House

HB1097 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides an income tax credit for charitable contributions to Special Olympics Idaho.

HB1098 (Transportation and Taxation) - Allows landowners who maintain public roads and access to resort areas to tax themselves for construction and maintenance of roads.

HB1099 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides about \$4.4 million in revenue for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

HB1100 (State Affairs) - Revives the allocation formula and authorizes the governor to set priorities for the distribution of the Idaho P-16 Active Budget Ceiling Allocation Act.

HB1101 (Appropriations) - Appropriates \$3.16 million to the Idaho Department of Finance for the budget year that begins July 1.

HB1102 (Appropriations) - Appropriates \$423,500 to the Idaho Department of Labor for the budget year that begins July 1.

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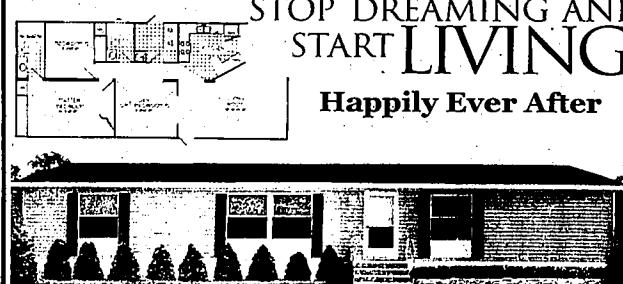
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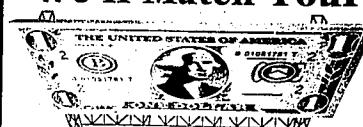
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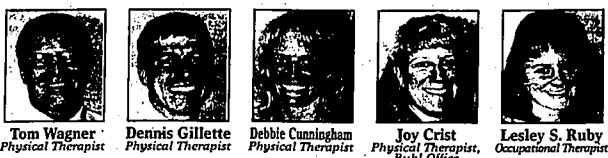
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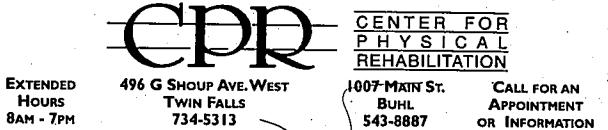


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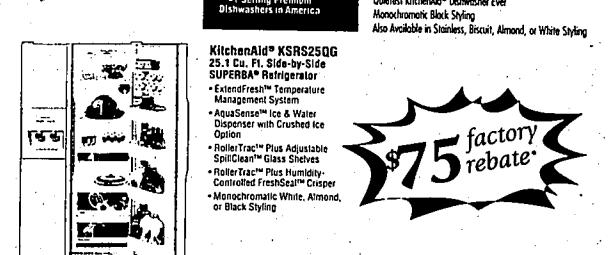
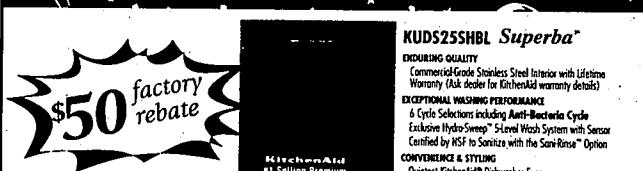


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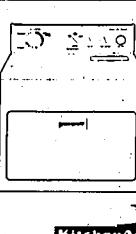
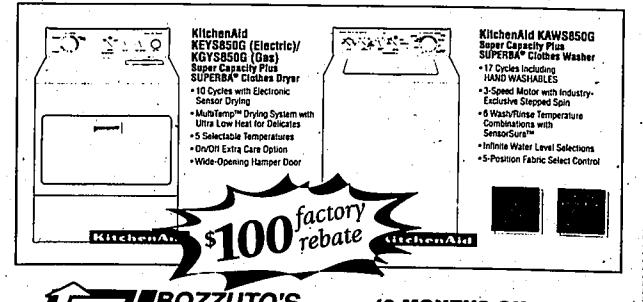
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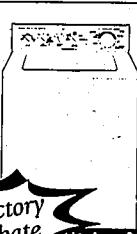
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Racial conflict remains fact of life for inmates

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) When a group of inmates stepped out of their concrete hellblocks and into the exercise yard at Pelican Bay State Prison, many were ready to fight — for their race and for their own survival.

Guards had kept them from mingling for almost six months, since an August riot, fearing another eruption of the racial tension that is a fact of life behind bars in California.

They couldn't keep them apart forever.

When fighting broke out Wednesday, it escalated into the state's worst prison riot in more than a decade.

As many as 150 inmates joined in. Hispanics converged in a smaller group of black inmates, most paying no heed to the guards' pepper spray, tear gas or rubber bullets. Guards finally used lethal force and shot 16 prisoners, killing one and critically wounding another. At least 32 others were stabbed or slashed by fellow inmates. No guards were injured.

Prison officials say most of the inmates probably felt they had little choice but to join the fight, that their social code demands they take sides in racial conflicts or suffer retaliation from other prisoners.

"A large part of the problem is



A California Department of Corrections vehicle returns to Pelican Bay State Prison near Crescent City, Calif., Wednesday. Guards had kept prisoners from mingling for almost six months, fearing another eruption of the racial tension that is a fact of life behind bars in California.

a fraction of 1 percent of the inmate population that pushes their beliefs on the rest of the population," said prison Warden Lt. Ben Grundy.

Pelican Bay, one of California's two maximum security prisons, is filled well past capacity with the state's most violent criminals — 3,326 inmates in a facility built to house 2,280 — and has a history thick with violence.

In 1997, six inmates were killed in clashes between cellmates.

AP photo

endorsed the use of excessive force.

At a National Prison Project conference in Washington, D.C., last week, some participants called for an independent investigation of the Pelican Bay riot. The FBI, which already is investigating allegations of civil rights violations at Pelican Bay, said it will closely monitor a state Corrections Department review of the riot.

Some critics said Pelican Bay officials should do more to protect inmates from one another.

Grundy said the officials will punish the riot instigators and intensify their search for weapons. They are reviewing videotapes of the brawl, hoping to identify the leaders, he said.

"We are going to do whatever we have to do to lock those perpetrators up. So if they want to be a tough guy or violent person, they can be a violent person all by themselves," Grundy said.

But critics say increasingly severe punishment is what sparks riots in the first place.

"If you label somebody the worst of the worst and you tell them they're the worst of the worst, then put them in and treat them like animals, they tend to live up or live down to those labels," said Jenny Gainesborough, a prison policy analyst with the Washington-based Sentencing Project.

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Program helps prisoners focus as fathers

OROFINO (AP) — The men in short-sleeved, robin's-egg blue shirts are rapists, robbers, molesters, murderers — and daddies.

Their names, written in patches sewn to their shirts to ensure their names — not the patches — are the legacies they pass on to their children.

They all are graduates of the Family Life Education Program at Idaho Correctional Institution.

The class aims to give men focus as fathers and therefore a reason to stay out of prison.

"There's some tough guys here talkin' the right talk," says Jim Rehder, education program manager.

"I've learned to write letters to my children," said one man.

Another said he has learned how to talk to his family about what he has done.

Inmates enroll on a volunteer basis. At Orofino, 138 men have completed the program since 1998 and almost as many are enrolled at North Idaho Correctional Institution in Cottonwood. Waiting lists are swelling at both places.

"Some of them are going to be in for life, but if you have a child out there, that child is there for life," said Mary Nichols, Lewis-Clark State College Family Education Program coordinator.

The college partially funds the program at Orofino.

Before the family life program was officially established, Rehder

and others worked behind the scenes with individuals on family matters.

They hope to make the class a permanent addition to the school because they believe it is the glue that will hold together everything the prisoners learn here.

But funding the education of prisoners does not top legislators' lists of priorities.

The Orofino prison education program has two full-time teachers and \$8,500 in general operation funds. Grants and contributions from Lewis-Clark State College keep the family education program alive.

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WORLD

Haider resigns as head of Freedom Party

VIENNA, Austria — Joerg Haider, the politician known for his anti-foreigner statements and past praise of Nazi employment policies, resigned Monday as head of the far-right Freedom Party, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The agency quoted unidentified party sources attending a closed-door meeting of the group's national leadership at a downtown hotel. Party officials would not disclose the report pending a news conference expected later Monday.

APSA said Haider, who holds no post in the national government, would stay on as governor of Carinthia province. The move was seen as an attempt to reduce international criticism of the new coalition government between Haider's rightists and the center-right Austrian People's Party.



Senegalese elections strain icon of African democracy

DAKAR, Senegal — Under cool and cloudy skies, Senegal's presidents and millionaires gathered for a presidential election Sunday as rebel attacks and political unrest threatened one of Africa's few enduring democracies.

The contest pitting President Abdou Diouf against seven challengers is the country's most contentious in decades after 40 years of rule by the Socialist Party.

Initially results weren't expected until at least Tuesday. But electoral officials said late Sunday night that a provisional count could be released Monday.

If Senegal plunges into violence so soon after the December military takeover in nearby Ivory Coast — another traditional bastion of African stability — Western diplomats worry it could trigger a flight of development aid and trade away from the continent.

A Nigerian city sweeps its rubble, but hatred remains

KADUNA, Nigeria — The wreckage of violence is being slowly swept from the streets of this northern Nigerian city. The smells — the burned buildings, the bonfires, the corpses left outside to rot for days — are fading. But the hatred remains.

Days after horrific violence raged through this city, ignited by a proposal to ban Islam from Kaduna state and quelled only after a massive military deployment, few people believe they have seen the last of the fighting — here or elsewhere.

In a nation of 120 million sharply divided by religion, ethnicity and geography, the fury over Islamic law, or sharia, could prove to be one of the biggest challenges facing Nigeria's nascent democracy.

Denmark reports case of mad cow disease

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A case of mad cow disease has been reported in northern Denmark.

World in brief

The government said today. The 4-year-old cow was immediately slaughtered while the rest of the 70-head milk herd was put under observation.

The cow's head was sent to laboratories in Denmark and Britain, which confirmed it had the disease. The result of the test arrived Sunday in Denmark and the case was made public today, Thune-Stephensen said.

Scandal-plagued Christian Democrats suffer losses

BERLIN — In the wake of a drubbing in a state election, Germany's Christian Democrats gathered today to assess how the results will affect the fortunes of two politicians hoping to be their new party leader.

Sunday's election in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein, the result of which was a landslide victory for the conservatives since a funding scandal erupted over secret donations around ex-Chancellor Helmut Kohl, ended with the party receiving 35 percent, just 2 percent less than the last contest there four years ago.

But the Christian Democrats had been running far ahead in polls before the scandal, and had earlier been expected to beat Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats in the state. They had already defeated Schroeder's party in a series of elections in the fall, capitalizing on voter discontent over plans to cut Germany's generous social benefits.

Human rights leader calls for rebuilding, investigation

GROZNY, Russia — Surrounded by war-ruined buildings and shattered lives, Europe's top human rights advocate called Monday for rebuilding Chechnya's capital and said he would press for an investigation of claims of massacres.

Alvaro Gil-Robles, human rights commissioner for the Council of Europe, made the statements on a one-day trip to Grozny, accompanied by Col. Gen. Gennady Troshov, the top commander of the Chechnya offensive, and Sergei Yasarzhevsky, acting President Vladimir Putin's news media point-man for Chechnya.

The trip did not take Gil-Robles to sites where refugees and human rights groups have alleged that Russian troops committed atrocities such as executions and torture.

Cubans demonstrate outside diplomat's home

HAVANA — Waiting for the arrival of a Cuban diplomat expelled from the United States after he ignored a State Department demand to leave the country, scores of teenagers held a pro-government rally outside his family's home in Havana.

José Imperatori, 46, was taken into custody by U.S. authorities and flown aboard a U.S. government plane to Montreal late Saturday. He had been expected to leave Canada for Havana on Sunday, but even Imperatori's family said they weren't sure when he would arrive.

Watching the small demonstration of teenagers shouting, "Down with the lie!" and waving Cuban flags outside her white, two-story home in Havana's Vedado neighborhood, Imperatori's mother, Matilde Garcia, said she looked forward to her son's arrival.

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Indonesia's president looks to Kissinger for help

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger threw weight behind Indonesia's democratic and market reform Monday, accepting a new job as political adviser to Indonesia's president.

Calling himself a "patriotic American," Kissinger said he

would gladly assist in the Southeast Asian nation's transition to democracy, consulting with Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid at least once a year on political and social policy.

Kissinger, a Nobel Peace laureate, said he had full confidence in Wahid's ability to implement reforms in the world's fourth most populous nation.

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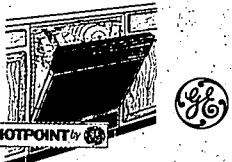
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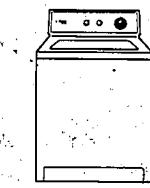
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Section C

Don't mess with it if it ain't broke

In Saturday's sports section on Page B-5, a story ran that focused on how Lamine Diouf, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, seeks to "jazz up" track and field.

A couple of the proposed ideas include, but are not limited to, eliminating disqualifications for false starts and limiting total pole vault and jump attempts to perhaps six overall.

While I agree the sport needs a boost in popularity, I disagree with how IAAF - track and field's global governing body - wants to accomplish this.

First, the false starts. Think about it: What does an athlete have to do in order to get disqualified from an amateur competition? In the NBA, it takes six personal fouls or two technicals. In the NHL, it takes a game misconduct penalty, usually for fighting. In football, it takes at least one unsportsmanlike conduct foul. In soccer, it's a red card. In general, athletic disqualifications occur because of improper behavior, save for a few exceptions.

Every sport needs rules. Lamine Christie knows the better than anyone. The British sprinter made a spectacle of himself at 'last year's World Championships when, after two obvious false starts in the 100-meter dash, he took a victory lap following Maurice Greene's win.

Poor sportsmanship at its worst.

In track, an athlete who false starts is attempting to gain an unfair advantage, i.e., they are trying to jump the gun. This simply should not be tolerated, and IAAF would be well served to leave the present two-false-start rule in place. Otherwise, marquee events like the 100-meter dash will take forever to run, which would totally contradict the "improvement" IAAF is trying to make.

In the jumps, the record book would have to be rewritten. As it stands, there is no set number of how many attempts an athlete makes during high jump competition. I can't imagine telling Javier Sotomayor he can only take six attempts at the high jump bar; he might as well put the bar at world record height and go for it.

Heck, he just might make it.

And another thing ...

Let's talk about the Confederate flag. It continues to fly over the Statehouse in Columbia, S.C., the site of last Saturday's U.S. women's Olympic marathon trials.

Craig Masback, executive director of USA Track and Field, said recently, "... we will not return to South Carolina for any events until the flag comes down." Of course, Masback meant after the trials.

Masback, who incidentally holds the 880-yard run record at White Plains (N.Y.) High School, the same place I set the Nunnel (N.Y.) High School record in 1984 (1:53.8 - and it still stands), is right on the mark with this one. Perhaps I agree with him because I'm a Northerner, but most would agree the Confederate flag only serves to rekindle old flames of resentment. No good can come from it.

It should be removed.

Did you know?

The University of Idaho men's track and field team broke into Track 25 last week with a No. 23 ranking. (See www.trackwire.com for a full listing of the Top 25 men's and women's teams.)

The NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships are March 10-11 in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Idaho Track and Field Championships are May 19-20 at Bronco Stadium in Boise. Make your hotel reservations now.

Vin Cappiello, a full-time teacher and former track coach, is a part-time sportswriter for The Times-News. He can be reached at vcappiello@magicvalley.com.

Men go to war at regionals

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "It'll be a war."

The metaphor used by College of Southern Idaho head coach Derek Zeck to describe Thursday's Region XVIII Men's Basketball Championship tournament opener with No. 6 seed Utah Valley State College (18-12) lingered in the air as his normally jocular tone turned serious.

"All games, all sides, it's (going to be) something," he said, his dark eyes hardening with the words.

Three days removed from one battlefield — Saturday's 77-76 Scenic West Athletic Conference second-round triumph over second-seed Salt Lake Community College, which provided a first-ever three-way tie for the conference championship at the No. 3 Golden Eagles (25-5) gear up for yet another in a potentially long line of skirmishes toward their ultimate goal: the 2000 NJCAA National Championship.

Their seek-and-destroy mission begins Thursday in Ephraim, Utah, with a tough rematch of Friday's 93-82 victim UVSC — a team Zeck knows will be fully recovered and ready for revenge.

Though the site coach wouldn't divulge any secrets from the war room, he did say the home fans can expect to see more of what they witnessed in Friday's victory.

"We're not going to try and do anything differently," he said, a wisp of a grin creeping from the corner of his lips.

Weaving his words carefully, like a foot soldier stepping through a minefield, Zeck said the Golden Eagles will try to contain UVSC's first threat: scoring machine Sonnenberg, who burned Southern Idaho for 30 points, 18 of which came from three-point territory.

"I think we'll hopefully do a better job of defending him, but we're not going to try to do anything different," he said. "I mean he's a good player, he's going to get his points no matter what you do."

Though Zeck hinted at some minor adjustments, he said there's no reason in this second season to go beyond tweaking a red-hot team that is rolling along on a seven-game winning streak.

"We're fine-tuning, but pretty much just staying with what we have," he said. "It's been working so far."

Besides Sonnenberg, CSI will have to once again contain the inside play of double-double men Jim Hanchett and Donnie Jackson. Friday night, Hanchett fell two rebounds shy of his 10.4 average while still putting up 12 points. Meanwhile, Jackson had 12 points to go along with 13 rebounds.

"I like their team, they have a nice team," Zeck said. "That's why this region's so good. We're the No. 3 team and we have to play Utah Valley. I mean, that's unbelievable. But that's the hand we're dealt and we will go with it, play the best we can and hopefully win that game."

To win it, CSI will need its big dogs to step up once again. Friday night, five Golden Eagles put up double digits with Cardell Butler's 19 leading the way. Matt Siebrandt and a white-hot Mike Hood each scored 15, with Siebrandt following that up with a sterling 23-point, 12-rebound, three-block outburst against SLCC (23-7).

All that with point guard Kenny Brunner going scoreless for the first time this season on Saturday. Brunner did hand out 10 assists with only one turnover.

"Our attack right now is the most balanced maybe in the country — at any level," Zeck said. "Every night to have five guys in double figures, Please see CSI, Page C2

2000 REGION XVIII MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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3. Southern Idaho (25-5)

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6 p.m. 7. Eastern Utah (15-15)

1. Snow College (24-6)

6 p.m. 8. North Idaho (17-13)

4. Dixie College (20-10)

Noon 5. Ricks College (23-7)

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Wednesday Friday Saturday

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6 p.m. 4. Dixie College (19-10)

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6 p.m. 7. Salt Lake CC (16-14)

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Selig suspends Strawberry for one year due to drugs

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A third strike for cocaine landed Darryl Strawberry a one-year suspension Monday, and left the New York Yankees and most of baseball wondering: Will he ever play again?

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the penalty and did not make any provision for the troubled slugger, who turns 38 next month, to return early for good behavior.

"This was a very difficult and painful decision for me to make," Selig said. "The meeting I had with Darryl and his wife, Charisse, last Tuesday was an emotional experience for all of us. I had no doubt that his remorse and sorrow were genuine, and I worried about the effect my decision would have on his health and the welfare of his family."

"In the end, I could not ignore Darryl's past infractions and concluded that each of us must be held accountable for his or her actions. I am hopeful that he will use this time away from the game productively and will care for himself and his family."

Strawberry has not been at Legends Field since baseball

More on Darryl — C2

ordered him out of the spring training complex last Wednesday, a day after his latest failed drug test became public.

His pinstriped uniform still hangs in his clubhouse locker, along with a batting helmet and spikes. There's also a stack of mail, though there's no telling when he'll ever get to pick it up.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star, had been expected to be the prime designated hitter for the two-time World Series champions this season. Instead, his third cocaine-related suspension from baseball in five years left his future in doubt.

"Bud just told me," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said when he left the ballpark after an intrasquad game. "We will abide by the decision. I feel badly for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."

Said manager Joe Torre, shortly before the penalty was made public: "You don't have to condone what he's done to have a feeling for him. He's not a bad person."

Malone muscles Jazz past Nets

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone barely missed a triple-double, scoring 35 points, collecting 14 rebounds and distributing nine assists as the Utah Jazz beat the New Jersey Nets 103-101 on Monday night.

Jeff Hornacek scored 27 points, hitting 10-of-11 from the field, and Bryon Russell added 14 as the Jazz won

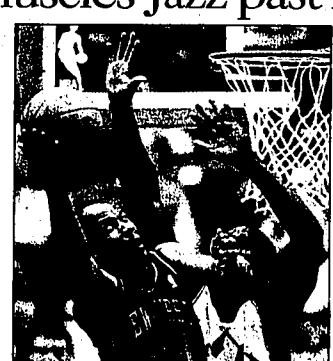
for the sixth time in the last seven games.

Stephon Marbury, going against John Stockton in a matchup of two of the NBA's best point guards, led the Nets with 34 points while Kerry Kittles scored 22 and Jason Kidd had 18.

Hornacek scored the winning point from the free-throw line on a pair of free-throws with 11 seconds left, after the Nets had cut their deficit to 103-101 on a 3-pointer by Marbury with 16.8 seconds remaining.

The loss spoiled the return to Salt Lake City by Van Horn, the former University of Utah standout who sat out his rookie game at the Delta Center with an injured ankle. Last year's game was lost to the lockout.

This month, the Jazz also went down to the wire at home against Eastern Conference mid-dleweights Orlando, Boston,



Detroit, Milwaukee and Atlanta. The Celtics and Bucks escaped the Delta Center with victories.

When Van Horn's free throw

with 5:28 remaining gave the Nets an 88-87 lead, the Jazz responded. Russell made a three-point play, Malone got a basket and Hornacek made a 3-pointer to make it 95-88 with 3:40 to play.

Notes: Hornacek, the NBA free-throw percentage leader, missed on a technical with 55 seconds left in the first quarter. He has hit 133 of 139 attempts this season ... Marbury has reached double-figure games in 67 straight games ... Utah lost at Portland on Sunday but has won eight of its last 10.

'Zo-less Heat burn Knicks 85-76

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat overcame Alonzo Mourning's absence and a 20-point first-half deficit Monday night, rallying past the New York Knicks 85-76 to remain in first place in the Atlantic Division.

Sparked by Jamal Mashburn and Clarence Weatherspoon, the short-handed Heat overcame a 20-point deficit after they fell behind 37-17. The Knicks started 12-for-16 but shot just 30 percent the rest of the way.

Miami, which has led the division for nearly the entire season, pulled 1.5 games ahead of

NBA

New York

Mashburn scored 24 points for Miami, and Weatherspoon had 14 points and 12 rebounds off the bench. Larry Johnson led New York with 20 points.

SuperSonics 84, Hornets 81

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gary Payton scored 32 points and the SuperSonics held struggling Charlotte to 32 percent shooting in the second half.

Payton had 21 points in the sec-

ond half, going 5-for-8 from 3-point range, to help send the Hornets to their third consecutive loss and their fifth in seven games.

Payton added nine rebounds, eight assists and two steals for Seattle, which began a five-game road trip by holding Charlotte to just three field goals in the final five-plus minutes.

Eddie Jones led the Hornets with 23 points.

Mavericks 108, Celtics 100

BOSTON — Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points, including a pair of key 3-pointers in the fourth

quarter, and Erick Strickland added 19.

Dallas improved to 4-4 since the arrival of Dennis Rodman, who was his best behavior as he scored four points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Dallas took its first lead since early in the first quarter when Rodman grabbed an offensive rebound and kicked it out to Michael Finley, who sank a 3-pointer for a 90-87 advantage.

Cedric Ceballos' three-point play came in a 35-9 spurt that made it 93-97.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 23 points.

Texas beats Kansas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Ivan Wagner scored a career-high 19 points and Gabe Muñoz added 16 as No. 14 Texas stayed in contention for the Big 12 title with a 68-54 win Monday night over No. 23 Kansas.

Chris Owens added 11 points for Texas (21-7, 12-3), which remains a game behind conference-leader Iowa State. It was Texas' first win over Kansas (21-8, 10-5) since 1938.

The Longhorns are 7-2 against the Jayhawks overall, and 3-1 since the Big 12 was formed.

The defending regular season champions need to win at Iowa State on Saturday and hope for an unlikely loss by Iowa State to either Texas Tech or Baylor, who are a combined 6-22 in the conference.

Kirk Hinrich was the only Jayhawks player in double figures.

College basketball
ures with 11 points.

No. 24 Connecticut 74, Rutgers 69

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Khalid El-Amin hit four free throws and made a game-clinching steal in the final 6.1 seconds as Connecticut held off Rutgers.

Albert Mouring added 16 points and Jake Voskuhl 15 points and 13 rebounds as Connecticut (20-8, 9-6 Big East) clinched its seventh straight 20-win season.

Dahntry Jones had 25 points to lead Rutgers (15-13, 6-9), including a long 3-pointer with 15.9 seconds to go to cut the Huskies' lead to 70-69.

Michigan makes AP poll

The Associated Press

Michigan completed the cycle for the Big Ten in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The only team in the league that had not been ranked, Michigan's drought ended Monday when the Wolverines broke into the poll at No. 22.

The Wolverines (21-6) came in with a four-game winning streak that carried them to a second-place finish in the Big Ten and a school-record victory total. Michigan's previous high was 20 victories in 1989-90.

Connecticut continued its season-long run at No. 1 and Georgia moved into tie with Tennessee for second. They trailed UConn by 59 points in the voting by a national media panel.

Stanford moved up to No. 25 as the only other newcomer. UCLA, ranked fourth early in the season, and Kansas dropped out.

Michigan went 15-11, 19-10 and 18-12 in Guevara's first three seasons and made the NCAA tournament in 1998.

Three of the Wolverines' losses have been to teams now in the Top Ten: Louisiana Tech, Penn State and Auburn.

Five Michigan players have double-figure scoring averages in conference play. Senior Stacey Thomas leads the team at 15 points a game and set a school record with 10 steals in Sunday's 70-46 victory over Northwestern.

The Big Ten is now one of four

Women's poll

conferences that has had all its current members ranked. The Southeastern Conference, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference are the others.

Connecticut (26-1) received 35 first-place votes and 1,089 points after winning West Virginia 100-88 and beating Notre Dame 77-59.

Georgia (26-2)

Tennessee

(25-3) each had 1,030 points to share the No. 2 spot, with Georgia getting seven first-place votes and Tennessee two. The Lady Bulldogs also received more first-place votes each of the three previous weeks, but Tennessee has come out ahead in total points.

Louisiana Tech (23-2) held off No. 4 with 984 points, Penn State moved up one spot to fifth and Notre Dame slipped from fifth to sixth. Texas Tech, Rutgers, UC Santa Barbara and LSU completed the Top Ten.

Two decisive victories sent Iowa State from 13th to 11th, while Auburn and Duke tied for 12th. Auburn was down one spot and Duke fell three places after losing to North Carolina.

Old Dominion was 14th and North Carolina State 15th. Then it was Virginia, Mississippi State, Purdue, Boston College and Arizona. Oklahoma, Michigan, Tulane, Marquette and Stanford held the final five places.

Stanford voted top dog

The Associated Press

Stanford, which extended its winning streak to 12 games with easy victories over Washington State and Washington last week, was the unanimous No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25 Monday.

The Cardinal (24-1), who won their two games by an average of 31 points, received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel. They are the first unanimous No. 1 since North Carolina on Dec. 22, 1997.

Cincinnati and Arizona, the only team to beat Stanford this season, each moved up one spot to second and third in the poll. The Stanford-Arizona rematch is March 9 in Tucson.

Men's poll

Duke, which had been second, dropped to fourth following its 83-82 home loss to St. John's.

Temple, which extended its winning streak to 13 games with victories over St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts last week, moved from eighth to fifth, matching the Owls' highest winning since the second poll of the regular season.

Ohio State held sixth and was followed by Michigan State, Florida, Syracuse and Iowa State, which jumped from 17th to No. 10.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Candleridge opens Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - All facilities at Candleridge Golf Course will be open Wednesday.

Regular greens fees will be charged, and carts are available.

Nine holes cost \$9, while 18 holes cost \$13.50.

Junior and senior rates are \$7 and \$10.50.

Brian Avram is the new head professional. He has

served under Rob Ellis at Blue Lakes Country Club most recently and will teach lessons throughout the year.

Call 733-6577 with questions or to inquire about establishing an IGA handicap. IGA dues are \$20.

Sign-ups coming for MV Babe Ruth

TWIN FALLS - Sign-ups for Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Harmon Park recreation building.

The league is open to boys who will be 13 before Aug. 1, but not 19 until after July 31. Cost is \$55; players need a parent to sign a release form and a photocopy of their birth certificate for the league's records. For more information, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Britts at 734-2633.

Meetings set for city league softball

TWIN FALLS - Organizational meetings for both

men's and co-ed city softball leagues will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Park and Rec Building at 136 Maxwell Ave.

For all team-captains and players interested in playing men's softball this year, the meeting is set for 7 p.m. A co-ed meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m.

Call Stan Sorenson at 734-7538 or 734-4976 for more information.

Medalists on ice head to Bank of America Centre

BOISE - Medalists on Ice, a hockey showcase presented by Governor Dirk Kempthorne and the Idaho 2002 Committee and paired with music by the Boise Philharmonic to benefit Idaho's Olympic athlete hopefuls, arrives at the Bank of America Centre this Thursday.

Scheduled to perform are Brian Orser, Nicole, Yuko Sato, Caryn Kadavy and Jason Dungeon. Tickets are \$150 for the Governor's reception and the ice show, or \$24 to \$35.50 for the performance only, which begins at 7:45 p.m. Proceeds will only be given to the state's Olympic athletes through the U.S. Olympic Committee. For more information, call (208) 331-3700.

Organizers might limit news access to Olympics

SYDNEY, Australia - Sydney Olympic organizers

plan to limit broadcast access to Olympic sites only to rights holders and local television, the Sydney Morning Herald reported Monday.

If the plan is carried out, only NBC, its affiliates and non-U.S. rights holders would be allowed to show videotape in the Olympic zone. ESPN, CNN/HL, Fox and the other U.S. networks would not be able to tape any interviews inside the Homebush Bay area, where most major stadiums are located.

The paper quoted David Richmond, head of New South Wales state's Olympic Coordination Authority, as saying the plan was aimed at ensuring Sydney residents were well informed of what was going on.

Is bridge in the cards for Olympics?

SALT LAKE CITY - What next - poker? Monopoly? Go Fish?

Bridge - the card game, not the structure that spans rivers - is taking the lead from ballroom dancing and looking to join the Olympics.

So instead of a Miracle on Ice, think spades, diamonds, hearts and clubs.

"I'm a believer that the human brain is at least as important as muscles," IOC executive Marc Hodler said.

Hodler, who blew the whistle in the Olympic

bribery scandal, is trying to bring an international bridge tournament to the Salt Lake City Games. He was president of the Swiss Bridge Federation for 30 years.

He also heads the IOC Coordination Commission for the 2002 Games that is in Salt Lake City for four days of meetings this week.

America's Cup Race 4 abandoned again

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - With no wind again, the America's Cup has gone to the dogs.

It was postponed for a second time as the Heuraki Gulf was completely devoid of wind early today, leaving New Zealand's Black Magic and Italy's Luna Rossa floating listlessly for two hours before the race committee abandoned the race.

The best action on the water was when a man in a motorized rubber boat pulled his terrier on a boogie board through the spectator fleet.

With even the race committee chairman admitting to being bored by the lack of wind that has forced four postponements in 11 days, officials announced that the two teams and TV rights holders have agreed to try to get in Race 4 on Wednesday, which had been scheduled as a lay-day.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"OK, listen up. Same game plan as always: Pass the ball, to chuck and let him buck his way into the hoop."

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

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SPORTS

Sparky will pace yard as he waits

Knight Ridder News Service

LAKELAND, Fla. — Sparky Anderson plans to pace in his back yard today as he waits to find out if he has become a Baseball Hall of Fame resident — an honor that finally would allow him to become a Hall of Fame visitor.

Anderson vowed long ago that he never would set foot in the Hall in Cooperstown, N.Y., until he was elected. "I'm not going to vote in, I don't belong," he said.

Today in Tampa, Fla., the Hall of Fame veterans committee, which elects managers and all other non-playing officials, holds its annual vote. If Anderson gets 12 votes from the 15-member committee, he will have achieved the sport's highest honor in his first year of eligibility.

Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell, a former veterans committee member, doesn't see any reason Anderson won't be elected today.

"I think it's strictly a cinch," Harwell said. "It's about as automatic as it will ever get."

Anderson managed the Cincinnati Reds for nine years and then the Tigers for 17. He piled up more managerial victories than anyone except long-time titans Connie Mack and John McGraw, and he became the only manager to win the World Series in both leagues.

Although in today's voting he

seems as unstoppable as his Reds teams in the '70s or his fast-starting Tigers in '81, Anderson has been trying to convince himself he's not an automatic choice. That if he buffers his disapproval if he must wait till next year.

"I like the way they tell you this is a shoo-in," said Anderson, '66. "I don't know anything that's a shoo-in. It's like Don Shula said (about the Pro Football Hall of Fame). 'When they call me, I'll know I'm there.'"

Anderson, who usually gets more excited talking about other people's achievements than his own, doesn't hide his potential rapture at becoming a Hall of Famer. He said recently that entering the shrine would be his "all-time best" achievement in the game, with nothing else close.

Monday, speaking from his home north of Los Angeles, Anderson acknowledged feeling the election-eve nervousness he had been expecting. He said he will take his normal walk this morning, then skip his usual round of golf so he can be home if The Call comes. (It likely would arrive by 2 p.m. Eastern time.) He doesn't want to be monitoring the phone, so he will retreat to his hotel room, where he did in his hotel room when the Tigers were slumping. He will wait for his wife, Carol, or his guest, long-time Detroit friend and associate

Dan Ewald, to tell him that he's wanted on the phone.

The veterans committee consists of executives, former executives, veteran media members, historians and five Hall of Fame players: Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Juan Marichal, Yogi Berra and Hank Aaron.

If elected, Anderson will announce Tuesday whether his Hall of Fame plaque will show him in a Reds cap or a Tigers cap. Every living Hall of Famer elected who has served more than one franchise must choose a cap for his plaque. It has been an especially difficult decision for Anderson, who is unforgettable in both Cincinnati and Detroit.

"In my heart, I know I have done everything I can to make the right decision," Anderson said. "You can only do what you think is right."

"If people want to get angry, they have a right to get angry. I see nothing wrong with someone getting angry over my decision. It's very important to both cities."

Not long ago, he made this point about anyone who will feel shunned by his choice of cap: "I don't know why people make such a big thing out of it. It's not like I didn't like those people, or not like these people. It's only a hat. If they don't think the same of me as a person as before, then I did a very poor job of credibility with them."

Aches and pains

Schilling, Erickson, Garciaparra ailing in early going

The Associated Press

While the New York Yankees learned they'll have to make due without Darryl Strawberry this season, other teams wondered how long some of their stars will be sidelined.

Philadelphia's Curt Schilling, Baltimore's Scott Erickson and Boston's Nomar Garciaparra were all feeling some aches and pains in spring training Monday.

Schilling was coming off an arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder, felt stiffness for the second straight day and skipped his throwing program.

"I definitely feel better than I did yesterday," the pitcher said in Clearwater, Fla. "We're going to give it one more day and get back to throwing."

Phillies trainer Jeff Cooper thinks similar stiffness could slow down Schilling four or five more times before his projected mid-May return.

"I'm not nervous," general manager Ed Wade said. "It may be a setback, but it doesn't put him back to square one or square 101 at this point."

Schilling had arthroscopic surgery Dec. 13 after missing most of the second half of last season with shoulder pain.

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Orioles said Erickson will be held out of Friday's exhibition opener against the Cincinnati Reds because of a sprained right ankle.

It's the second setback this spring for the No. 2 man in the Orioles' starting rotation. Erickson, who injured the ankle Sunday, has been sidelined since Tuesday with stiffness behind his right elbow.

Although Erickson has said the stiffness is "no big deal," he will have it examined as a precaution.

"If there's nothing wrong, he should be able to throw as soon as his ankle will allow it," Orioles manager Mike Hargrave said.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Garciaparra had tests on his sprained ligament in his right knee and will have an MRI exam, team physician Dr. William Morgan said. There did not appear to be any swelling in the knee.

"It's like a discomfort more than anything," said Garciaparra, who felt a "twinge" Friday.

In Tampa, Fla., the Yankees were gone after an intrasquad game when commissioner Bud Selig suspended Strawberry for one-year because of a positive cocaine test.

"We will abide by the decision," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "I feel badly for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling leads his squad through an agility drill during spring training practice Sunday at the Carpenter Complex in Clearwater, Fla.

Across the state in Port St. Lucie, Mike Hampton pitched two hitless innings and struck out two as the New York Mets opened their first intrasquad game of the season.

"My arm felt good," Hampton said. "My location was pretty bad, but I didn't expect it to be right on this early."

Country singer Garth Brooks, playing left field, went 0-for-4 with a walk and two strikeouts. He also lined into a double play.

"It wasn't a great day, but it was better than any day I've had. I didn't feel like I was drowning," Brooks said.

In Mesa, Ariz., Chicago Cubs backup third baseman Willie Greene missed his second straight day of workouts.

Greene didn't report to camp until Sunday because he was tending to a family situation and felt lightheaded and nauseated when stretching. He was given an antacid and sent to a hospital, given two liters of fluid and released.

The Cubs expected Greene to take part in a light work Monday, but he arrived with chills and a low-grade fever.

"He's sick," manager Don Baylor said. "I came in here early this morning and he was already here. He had a heavy coat on because he had the chills. He had dehydration yesterday. He told me this was his first time in Arizona, and I know I've had some of the worst allergy attacks here."

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SPORTS

Tennis star to get hitched

The Associated Press

Tennis

SUNRISE, Fla. — NHL star Pavel Bure said he popped the question to tennis star Anna Kournikova — and she accepted.

The Russian Rocket said he proposed to Kournikova, also Russian, on Friday night at a Miami Beach restaurant. He did not announce a wedding date.

"We'll tell details when she gets back in town in the middle of March," Bure said before the Florida Panthers' game against Buffalo on Monday night.

Kournikova, 18, and Bure, 28, are neighbors in an apartment building in trendy south Miami Beach.

Sampras joins Agassi on U.S. Davis Cup team

Captain John McEnroe and Pete Sampras have patched up their differences, meaning the United States will have one formidable team for the next round of the Davis Cup.

Sampras and Andre Agassi will play singles for the quarterfinal against the Czech Republic in Ingleside, Calif., on April 7-9.

"I like our chances," McEnroe said Monday when he announced the two players.

He should.

Agassi is the world's No. 1 player. He has won the last two Grand Slam tournaments — the U.S. and Australian Opens. He also won the French Open last June.

Sampras won the other Grand Slam tournament, Wimbledon, and is tied with Roy Emerson with 12 major titles, the most in men's tennis.

McEnroe plans to select the remaining two players within two weeks of the quarterfinal.

McEnroe made his debut as U.S. Davis Cup captain with 3-2 decision over Zimbabwe earlier this month.

He then had to mend fences before Sampras rejoined the squad. Sampras missed the Zimbabwe series after injuring his hip at the Australian Open. McEnroe questioned Sampras' commitment to the Davis Cup.

"I contacted him," McEnroe said. "People know we needed to communicate. We expressed our views ... Now it's time to move on."

The quarterfinal will be held at the Pauley Pavilion. Most of Sampras' family, including his older sister Stella, the tennis coach at UCLA.

Against Zimbabwe, Agassi was joined by Chris Woodruff, a last-minute substitute for Sampras, along with Alex O'Brien and Rick Leach. Leach replaced Todd Martin, who missed the series because of a viral infection.

Woodruff lost his opening singles and the United States trailed 2-1 before Agassi and Woodruff won their reverse singles.

"It will be a little bit more fun being at home," McEnroe said during a conference call. "The stress level won't be as high."

With Agassi and Sampras, the United States will be a strong favorite to beat the Czech Republic and advance to the semifinals.

"I like our chances against Czech Republic," said McEnroe, still referring to the country by its former name. "But things are going to get harder. We're going to need our top guns."

McEnroe said Woodruff is "definitely in the mix" for one of the two remaining spots.

"I almost feel like it would be a shame if he wasn't on the team," he said.

Ivanisevic, Bjorkman advance in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Fifth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia advanced to the second-round of the Copenhagen Open on Monday, beating Germany's David Prinosil 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-0.

Eighth-seeded Jonas Bjorkman also advanced, with fellow Swedes Fredrik Johnson and Andreas Vintergaard, Italy's Gianluca Pozzi and Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic.

Bjorkman beat France's Antony Dupuis 6-2, 7-5; Johnson edged Germany's Axel Pretsch 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Vintergaard routed Belgium's Christophe Rochus 6-2, 6-1; Pozzi beat Dutchman Jan Siemerink 2-6, 6-4; and Ljubicic defeated Czech Petr Luxa 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-3.

Clavet moves up in Citrix Championships

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Spain's Francisco Clavet beat Australia's Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-4 on Monday to advance to the second round of the Citrix Championships.

In the matchup of left-handers

who received a wild-card berth in the tournament, faces Andrew Ilie in the featured night match. Ilie won the tournament as a qualifier in 1998.

Andy Roddick, the second-ranked junior player in the world, will face Italy's Laurence Tielemans in another night match.

Roddick, 17, of Boca Raton, became the first American in 41 years to win the boys singles title in the Australian Open.

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Bradley needs a win

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — They call it a beauty contest. In the world of presidential politics, this state's Democratic primary Tuesday simply doesn't count for much.

"Except to Bill Bradley."

With four losses and no wins, the former New Jersey senator and basketball legend has slogged out this unlikely state as the site of what would be comeback. He spent an astonishing six days campaigning feverishly here, and left Monday after imploring several thousand college students to "send a message" to the nation.

"People say we're behind. But people aren't here," Bradley said during a rainy rally on the quadrangle of the University of Washington. "People don't sense your energy, your idealism, your commitment. People don't sense your yearning for a new kind of politics."

"People don't sense your yearning for having politicians that give you straight answers, tell you what they want to do and then do what they say," he said.

"I offer that kind of future for us."

But the applause was tepid and, along with the raindrops, there was a sense in the air that Bradley has become something of a Don Quixote figure, tilting at what could be his last windmill.

"I think he's a man of high intelligence and high integrity. That's the kind of person I'd like to see as president," said Astrid Cerny, 31, a student of Chinese and writing. "It disturbs me that people don't seem to want an intelligent candidate."

Even if Bradley wins here, in a primary that selects none of the delegates who will choose the president, he will likely to get only a small boost going into New York, California and 13 other states that hold Democratic primaries or caucuses next week, experts said. If he loses Washington state, they said, his campaign will be dead. "He really has to win in order to reclaim some credibility," said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, Austin. "Bradley needs something dramatic to have a prayer."

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Bush claims record is evidence of reform

Critics say business is only beneficiary

The Dallas Morning News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - To counter McCain's message of campaign-finance reform, Gov. George W. Bush is touting his own six-year record in Texas as evidence that he is "a reformer with results."

Bush cites his efforts to cut taxes, change the civil justice system and pass patient protection laws.

The primary beneficiary of those initiatives has been business, raising new questions about the definition of political reform - and who can authentically claim the mantle of reformer.

"A reformer is one who restores the balance between special interests and everyday people, and he's tipped the scales in the other direction," said Craig McDonald of Citizens for Public Justice, an Austin-based group that tracks campaign contributions.

"He is a reformer who has delivered new policies, but policies that favor his top donors," McDonald said.

Bush allies disagree, saying the governor's economic agenda in office has helped everyone.

"It's reform because it helps create jobs in Texas," Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

"He has done things that make capital come to the state and, therefore, increase jobs. And, therefore, everyone benefits," he said.

On the stump as he pursues the Republican presidential nomination, Bush urges voters elsewhere to examine his record in Texas. "I bring an agenda of reform and a record of results," he says.

High on the agenda of results that Bush touts are tax cuts in Texas. The governor's most ambitious tax proposal came in 1997, when he proposed a \$3 billion plan to substantially reduce property taxes. Bush introduced the plan after meeting with Charles Walker, a key architect of the sweeping business tax changes President Ronald Reagan introduced after his 1980 election.

The Bush plan resembled an approach advocated by Walker, who at that time ran a Washington tax-reduction advocacy group funded largely by industries that would have benefited under the governor's proposal. Walker described himself as "one of many resources" helping the governor develop his proposal.

The Legislature rejected Bush's plan and, after considerable debate, agreed to apply \$1 billion from state surplus to property tax relief.

The governor touted the results as the largest tax cut in Texas history. He said it would particularly help lower-income Texans, who could see their tax bills cut by as much as one-half.

Subsequent studies indicate few homeowners saw any reduction because of local increases in tax rates and property valuation.

"The bottom line is that most homeowners paid at least as much the next year as they did the year before," said Dick Lamm, a local authority with the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-profit group that monitors the interests of the poor.

Last year, Bush advocated an additional \$2.6 billion in tax relief for business and consumers. The final package adopted by the Legislature included \$1 billion in property-tax relief and \$547 million in sales and other tax cuts for business and consumers.

Of the property-tax relief, 60 percent went to business and 40 percent to homeowners.

Of the other tax cuts, the benefits in the first two years are equally divided (for example, a research and development tax break for business and a back-to-school sales-tax holiday on clothing and supplies for consumers), according to a study by the Center for Public Policy Priorities. By 2004, however, business tax cuts will account for 60 percent of the total, the study found.

In a speech in December, in low-key outlining his tax-cut ideas in the presidential race, Bush said his record in Texas underscores his commitment to tax cuts that help lower and middle-income people.

"These," he said, "are the basic ideas that guide my tax poli-

cy: lower taxes for all, with the greatest help for those most in need. Everyone benefits - while the highest percentage tax cuts go to the lowest income Americans. In his first legislative session

in 1995, Bush made so-called tort reform - limiting civil lawsuits against business in cases involving injury and death - a top priority. Assisted by business lobby groups, the governor

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McCain takes on 'agents of intolerance'

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain derided Pat Robertson and other evangelical "agents of intolerance" Monday in a high-stakes bid to stretch the Republican coalition beyond the religious conservative base that has swayed GOP politics for more than a decade.

"We are the party of Ronald Reagan, not Pat Robertson," the Arizona senator said Monday in Virginia Beach, home of Robertson's Christian Coalition.

"I am a Reagan Republican who will defeat Al Gore," he said. Rival George W. Bush "is a Pat Robertson Republican who will lose to Al Gore."

McCain's advisers likened his speech to a 1992 address by Bill Clinton, who criticized a black rap artist while sharing the stage with the Rev. Jesse Jackson — dramatizing the Arkansas governor's pledge to rip the Democratic Party from the clutches of its most liberal elements.

McCain's address marked a sharpening of his strategy to "build a bigger Republican Party" by courting independents, Democrats and moderate Republicans who normally don't participate in the political process.

Not ceding the evangelical vote, McCain was trying to reach beyond the leadership to social conservatives by saying the rank-and-file should not fear "new faces and fresh ideas."

Religious conservatives are an active component of the Republican coalition that controls Congress, an electrified "front and tail" of GOP politics rarely crossed by candidates seeking a party nomination or needing help in a general election. "The social conservatives are an important part of the Republican coalition and they need to be part of a winning coalition to beat Al Gore," said GOP strategist Scott Reed, who ran Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign.

Exit polls showed that 17 percent of the general election voters in 1996 identified themselves as Christian conservatives. An overwhelming number of them backed Dole. In Virginia, where McCain faces Bush in an important Tuesday primary, 21 percent of all voters in the 1996 general election called themselves Christian conservatives. And one-fourth of California Republicans who voted in the state's 1996 primary were religious conservatives. That could play a critical role in the state's March 7 primary, which McCain believes he must win to keep his candidacy alive.

"Everything in politics has its downside," McCain campaign

manager Rick Davis said. A risk for McCain, he said, would be for his comments "to be characterized inappropriately as going on some anti-Republican, anti-religious right crusade."

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Section D

Help during taxing times Volunteers offer free tax help around valley

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - If you think preparing tax returns can be somewhat taxing, fear not, there is help.

The Idaho Tax-Aide Program set up shop around the Magic Valley, Min-Cassia and Wood River areas earlier this month.

The program's goal is to take the stress out of filing by offering free tax counseling and preparation services for those in the middle to low-income brackets and for people 60 years and older.

What makes this service unique is the people standing ready with pencil and calculator in hand.

"This program is run by volunteers and is the largest volunteer-run tax service in the nation," District Five Coordinator Bob Wunderly says. "We are not out to compete with paid tax preparers. We're here because we have the time and we want to help."

Filer woman spends 23 years as volunteer for tax season

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Joan Stokesberry heard the radio advertisement one winter's day. The Internal Revenue Service was recruiting volunteers to staff Tax-Aide sites around the Magic Valley. To Stokesberry, it sounded interesting and challenging.

"I was a housewife at the time and I didn't know if I would know enough to help do taxes, but I was willing to learn," Stokesberry recalls. "Besides, what did I

Where to find help

Tax-Aide information is available at several Magic Valley senior centers. For more information about the program in your area, call:

Filer 326-4608; Blaine County/Hailey 788-3468; Gooding 934-5504; Kimberly 423-4338; Jerome 324-5162; Hagerman 837-9178; Wendell 536-6561; Buhl 543-4577; Rupert 436-6679; and Twin Falls 734-5084 and 733-3500.

The program started 31 years ago as a joint venture between the Internal Revenue Service and the American Association of Retired Persons Foundation, a subsidiary of the AARP. Wunderly says. Almost 10,000 people statewide last year received tax assistance through the program and Wunderly expects that many again this year.

"But, this isn't charity," Wunderly adds. "This was created to assist the IRS perform a mandated service of helping

citizens complete their tax returns. We're just volunteers helping to accomplish that."

Anyone can volunteer to help - no tax experience is necessary. All that is needed is the ability to learn and desire to help.

About 30 volunteers this year spent five days in January, six hours each day, poring over the latest tax rules and regulations. Students then had to score an 80 percent or higher on a five-part test.

The counselors are limited to preparing the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ returns.

But they can handle many tax situations, facing low to moderate taxpayers such as child tax credits, earn income credit and dependent care credits. For the elderly, the counselors know about pensions, IRA distributions and Social Security issues.

This year, the State Tax Commission loaned the program computers, which means some filers can file their taxes electronically, Wunderly says. The advantage: refunds arrive in half the time.

Taxpayers who want to take advantage



GINA MULDER/The Times-News

Above, Joan Stokesberry has been a Tax-Aide Volunteer for the past 23 years. Below, District Coordinator Bob Wunderly talks to Tax-Aide volunteers, who are training to provide free tax help to low to moderate income families. The tax help is available now throughout the Magic Valley.

of the program must bring a copy of last year's tax records, 1999 W-2s, Social Security numbers and any other pertinent income and tax information and forms. Spanish-speaking taxpayers should bring an interpreter.

Appointments are recommended.



of the program's perks, she says.

"I've met a lot of very nice people over the years and made some new friends along the way," Stokesberry adds.

"Learning about the different cultures is interesting as well. It adds a little spice to the job."

have to lose if it turned out that I couldn't do the work or I didn't like it."

But Stokesberry did catch on and learned how to prepare a simple tax return and better yet, she liked it.

That was 23 years ago, today Stokesberry, a site coordinator, heads up the Valley Vista site in Twin Falls where senior citizens or taxpayers with moderate to low incomes come for tax counseling and preparation.

Over the two plus decades, Stokesberry has seen the tax laws and requirements change.

The first textbook she used was thin and the volunteer test was shorter and a breeze to complete.

Now, both the text and test booklets have grown to nearly an inch thick and take much longer to review.

The tests keep getting harder, too," Stokesberry adds.

As the site coordinator, Stokesberry is in charge of keeping the IRS forms in stock along with tracking clients and filling out progress reports. At the end of the season, she compiles a report and sends it to the American Association of

Historical association paves the way for visitors

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

ALMO - Bill Scott says he's a member of the City of Rocks Historical Association because he's always loved history. Maybe that's why the members voted him this year's president.

"We're just always doing things to make it nicer for the visitors here," Scott says, who resides in Yost, Utah, 17 miles down the road from the City of Rocks National Reserve. "Last year, we restored an old horse-drawn wagon. This year, we'll do some nice displays and we're working on brochures to help people get around the park better."

Established in 1991, the purpose of the association is to increase visitor understanding of and appreciation for the reserve; aid in interpretive, educational and visitor-related services; conduct programs and distribute maps and other materials.

The association has 10 members.

DeeAnn Spencer, also of Yost, Utah, is the group's secretary and produces a newsletter every three months. The current one showcases winter activities in the park, such as cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, winter camping, ice climbing and wildlife viewing. The Rock Ledger is a two-page leaflet chock full of interesting tidbits.

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"I am interested in the history of the area and feel it is important to preserve it," Spencer says.



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John Russell and Dee Ann Spencer pore over a map in the City of Rocks gift shop. The two are members of the City of Rocks Historical Association.

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Hagerman student is academic superstar

By Kellee Gaston
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - Ryan Uri has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average since the first grade.

So, it's probably no surprise the senior at Hagerman High School was recently chosen as a finalist candidate for the National Merit Scholar competition.

"Ryan is intrinsically motivated," Hagerman School District Superintendent Lee Mitchell says. "You don't have to talk to him about doing well because he's headed in the right direction."

Uri, a Hagerman native, is the president of the Business Professionals of America club and Honor Society at Hagerman High School and is past student body vice president.

Uri has twice captured first place in the payroll accounting category at the State Business Professionals of America competition held annually.

Even busy students need hobbies. Uri includes music, reading and poetry among his interests and is a member of the International Society of Poets, achieving publication in four society anthologies.

He also plays guitar, piano and trumpet.

"My favorite music is classical," he says.

Uri would like to attend Rice University in Texas, but is also thinking about Albertson College, the University of Texas at Dallas, and the University of North Texas.

He takes physics, calculus, business administration and oil painting at Hagerman High School in the mornings and attends a communications and government course at the College of Southern Idaho in the afternoon.

"College classes are a lot more challenging," he says.

Uri hasn't selected a possible college major but is interested in physics, creative writing, business administration and music composition.

"All of them have nothing to do with each other," he says.

Whatever major he settles on, Uri plans to earn a master's degree with the support of Mitchell, become a Rhodes Scholar for the state of Idaho after he earns his bachelor's degree.

"He's a superstar," Mitchell says.

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Ryan Uri, a senior at Hagerman High School, is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship and hopes to be a future Rhodes Scholar.

In school and out, Key Club takes activities seriously

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The Key Club offers its own "breakfast of champions" fund-raiser, selling muffins and rolls to Buhl High School students in the morning.

Members are also planning an ice skating party as a fun outing to Sun Valley.

In November, the club collected canned food, delivering baskets to needy families. Members also regularly read to Head Start children.

Needless to say, the 60-member Key Club is one of the most active at Buhl High School.

Key Club are service clubs sponsored by Kiwanis. The Key stands for Kiwanis Educating Youth.

Each member in good standing must do 50 hours of service to the community each year.

Most Buhl students exceed that and club service hours amount to 3,000 hours each year, the members say.

Key Club is an international organization, divided into districts. Some Buhl members plan to go to Salt Lake City, Utah for a district convention April 26-28 and Miami, Fla. for the international convention July 1-6. The current lieutenant governor of the Utah/Idaho District is Holly Machacek, a Buhl Key Club past president.

Club members have something scheduled most of the year. They attended leadership training in October at Focaretti, worked the volleyball concession stands and sponsored a successful "Powder Buff" volleyball game for boys, they say.

In December, they participated in the chili feed sponsored by the Kiwanis Club preceding the annual Buhl Christmas Light Parade. They also rounded up winter clothing for needy children as part of the coats for kids project and helped Kiwanis distribute toys to 27 families in the Buhl area.

Plans are also under way for the Senior Citizens Prom in May.

Idaho Gov. Dirk and Mrs. Kempthorne have been invited and the governor has expressed interest in starting similar senior citizen proms throughout the state, the club says.

Members will also be involved in the Special Olympics this spring.

The activities do not end with the senior year.

Last July, club members worked on a Twin Falls County Fair in September.

The Buhl club meets each Thursday during lunch break and invites guests. Past speakers have included Mayor Barbara Gietzen, College of Southern Idaho volleyball players, state Rep. Celia Gould, musician Karmella Nye and Eighth Street Cultural Center founder Kathy Ruht.

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Income jumps faster than spending

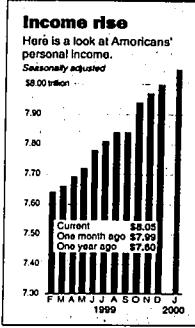
WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' incomes went up faster than their spending did last month, the first time that's happened since October. Now with extra cash in their pockets, consumers are expected to spend briskly in the months ahead, economists said.

Personal income, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, increased by a sizable and expected 0.7 percent in January, the Commerce Department said Monday.

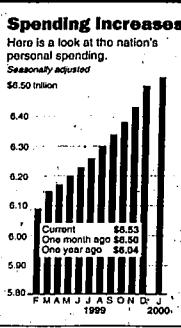
A number of factors boosted income including cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security payments and other government benefits programs, pay raises for federal workers and military personnel, and federal subsidy payments to farmers, the government said.

Still, excluding these factors, incomes grew by 0.6 percent, suggesting that Americans, posting strong income gains, started the new year off on solid footing.

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all eco-



Source: Department of Commerce



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nomic activity and is powering the red-hot growth in the U.S. economy, rose by a brisk 0.5 percent last month — slightly stronger than the gain many analysts were forecasting.

EchoStar president says firm trumps competition

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER — EchoStar Communications Corp. founder Charles Ergen recalls surviving on food stamps two decades ago to build what would become the Dish satellite TV network — offered by several Magic Valley dealers.

Today, he says he finally has the perfect product and will spend \$100 million this year to tell the world about it.

EchoStar, which had been selling satellite systems with 300 channels, now has the capacity to offer more interactive features plus 500 channels in more cities.

"We feel we've leapfrogged the competition, and our system is built out the way we've always envisioned," Ergen said Thursday during a three-day EchoStar dealer conference in Denver.

"We hesitated to talk about it in the past because we didn't have the best system in terms of capacity," he said.

EchoStar this year will spend more than \$100 million on a television, radio and print advertising blitz, touting its Dish TV Network's improved 500-channel packages, interactive and recording features, local TV programming and special rebates on equipment. This fall, the company also will offer high-

"income growth is providing a significant thrust for consumer spending," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist for the Bank of America Asset Management Group.

"Customers are screaming for variety for choices, and we'll have the additional capacity to give it to them."

The 1,600 other dealers who descended on Denver last week for EchoStar's checkup event were rewarded Ergen like a rock star. A man worth an estimated \$10 billion, Ergen maneuvered through a crowd of 1,500 people, stopping to shake hands, sign autographs and pose for pictures.

—By Steve Lohr, Knight Ridder News Service

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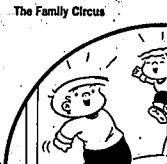
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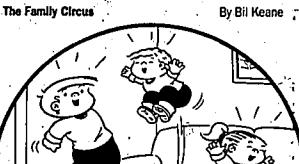


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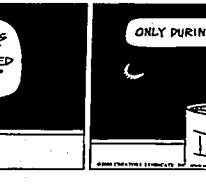
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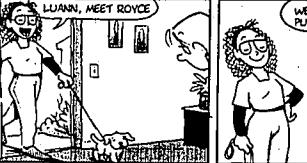
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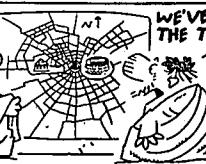
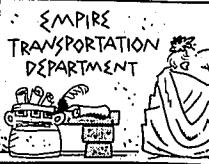
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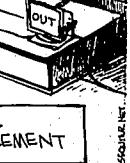
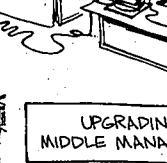
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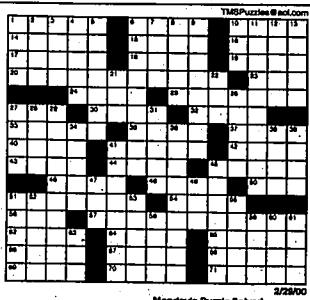
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MORNING BREAK



Take heart short people; you just might live longer

So you thought Atlantic hurricanes start at the equator? Maybe so, but they're not hurricanes when there. Professional weather watchers say no tropical cyclone has been observed within 5 degrees latitude of the equator.

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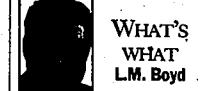
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some will be astounded - you clear emotional debris. Act with style, conviction. Older individual professes admiration. Love relationship gets warm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Long-range project featured. You perceive potential and latch on to winning hand. Predict future, make it favorable for you. Aries, Libra persons involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on direction, motivation, necessity for meditation. Emphasis on commitments, partnership, marital status. Check accounts, computer error could be involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let people know you are going to travel, to read and write and to make your mark. Those who express doubts will be eventually won over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some people attempt to trip you up. Be sure path is clear. Obstacles are not always what they seem. If you get green light from those in position of authority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let people know you are going to travel, to read and write and to make your mark. Those who express doubts will be eventually won over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Travel is destined possibility, check with those knowledgeable concerning foreign lands. Locate individual to represent your talent, product. Dramatic reunion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Shake-up due, legal dilemma involved, face the music. Focus on

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Every baby book you buy stresses the importance of baby-proofing during the toddler years, so here are a few suggestions I have for grandparents to use when their grandchild comes to have a visit:

1. Move all cleaning supplies, cosmetics and room deodorizers UP to a high shelf or cupboard.

2. Invest in outlet covers and drawer and cupboard locks. They are inexpensive and easy to remove after visits.

3. Put away all hard candies, coins, glass-framed photos, canines, and anything of sentimental value before your grandchild arrives.

4. Plants, animal litter boxes, pet food, detergents and caustic chemicals should be out of reach and out of sight.

Prince Charles tours Caribbean, visits school

MOUNT ROSSER, Jamaica (AP) — Singing "We welcome you, Prince of Wales!" schoolchildren invited a smiling Prince Charles to open their gardens and plant a tree Monday.

The visit to Mount Rosser Primary School was part of the prince's three-nation Caribbean tour. He visited Trinidad and Guyana last week.

Children showed the prince their gardens of string beans and avocado trees in the courtyard, then beamed as he commended their compost heap. He planted a Lignum Tree — the national tree of Jamaica — outside the school, which specializes in teaching conservation to children.

The visit comes as Jamaica moves closer to its symbolic ties with Britain, including Queen Elizabeth II as its ceremonial head of state and eliminating the role of her local representative, the governor general. Jamaica will remain part of the Commonwealth, a loose affiliation of Britain and its former colonies.

The prince was scheduled to crisscross the country Monday and Tuesday, visiting a marine laboratory that researches coral reefs, an employee-owned cooperative that makes Caribbean sausages and a poor community of Kingston beset by gang wars.



DEAR
ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

her mother buys diapers, baby wipes and appropriate baby food. She also has bibs, baby cups and spoons on hand. She even buys age-appropriate toys to keep at her house so her granddaughter has special toys to look forward to playing with during the visit.

In most cases, it's been about 20 years since these grandparents have been to the States. I think if they would read a current baby/toddler book, they would be surprised to learn about the new information available.

— BENT OUT OF SHAPE

DEAR BENT IN BEND: Your suggestions for grandparents seem sensible to me, and worth sharing with any new grandparent who might be out of touch. Since your mother seems to fall into this category, send her a book on baby/toddler child care as a gift. It could save her, and your son a lot of stress — even an unfortunate accident.

DEAR ABBY: While on a whitewater rafting trip, I was rescued from drowning by a man in a kayak, and I can't stop thinking

about him. I am happily married, but am worried that I have "fallen in love" with the man who saved my life. The man not only pulled me out of the water, he held my hand and kept eye contact for 15 minutes while I was in shock. He took care of me until I felt safe again.

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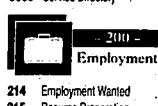
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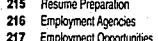
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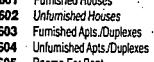
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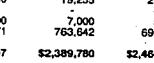
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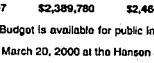
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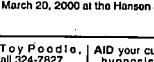
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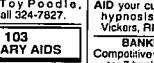
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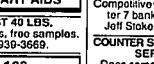
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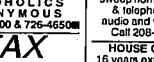
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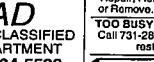
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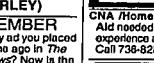
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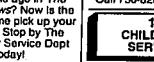
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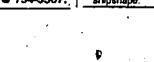
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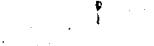
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1999	Pontiac	Sunfire SE Sedan 4-Door #P2875	\$12,650	*10,870
1999	Pontiac	Sunfire SE Sedan 4-Door #P2874	\$12,690	*10,780
1999	Pontiac	Montana Extended Wagon #P2883	\$23,435	*18,890
1999	Chevrolet	Lumina 4-Door Sedan #P2897	\$14,780	*13,300
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4-Door #P2837	\$15,315	*12,900
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4-Door #P2835	\$14,540	*12,500
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4-Door #P2776	\$15,300	*12,780
1999	Pontiac	Bonneville SE Sedan 4-Door #P2885	\$20,220	*17,900
1999	Oldsmobile	Intrigue GX Sedan 4-Door #P2878	\$18,550	*14,390
1999	Buick	Regal LS 4-Door Sedan #P2890	\$19,420	*17,995
1999	Oldsmobile	Cutlass GL Sedan 4-Door #P2871	\$17,030	*14,800
1999	Oldsmobile	Cutlass GL Sedan 4-Door #P2861	\$15,255	*12,950
1999	Oldsmobile	Alero GLS Coupe 2-Door Leather #P2850	\$17,520	*14,977
1999	Oldsmobile	Alero GL Sedan 4-Door #P2830	\$14,815	*12,800
1999	Oldsmobile	88 LS Sedan 4-Door Loaded #P2716	\$19,955	*16,985
1999	Dodge	Neon Highline Coupe 2-Door #P2872	\$12,025	*9,850
1999	Chevy	Monte Carlo LS Coupe 2-Door #P2898	\$17,530	*15,995
1999	Chevy	Metro LSi Sedan 4-Door #P2873	\$9,700	*8,700
1999	Chevy	Malibu Sedan 4-Door #P2863	\$15,665	*12,690
1999	Chevy	Malibu Sedan 4-Door #P2862	\$16,675	*12,850
1999	Chevy	Lumina Sedan 4-Door #P2854	\$15,350	*12,800
1999	Chevy	Lumina Sedan LTZ 4-Door #P2842	\$16,600	*14,300
1999	Chevy	Cavalier Sedan 4-Door #P2876	\$13,230	*10,980
1999	Chevy	Cavalier Sedan 4-Door #P2856	\$12,130	*9,985
1999	Chevy	Cavalier Sedan 4-Door #P2841	\$12,500	*10,500
1999	Buick	LeSabre Custom Sedan 4-Door #P2831	\$19,305	*16,700
1999	Buick	Century Custom Sedan 4-Door #P2859	\$17,230	*13,900
1998	Pontiac	Bonneville SE Sedan 4-Door #P2659	\$18,065	*14,800
1998	Ford	Mustang Coupe 2-Door #P2681	\$16,450	*14,480
1998	Buick	Century Custom Sedan 4-Door #P2615	\$16,440	*12,850
1997	Cadillac	DeVille Sedan 4-Door #P2678A	\$21,675	*19,400
1997	Buick	LeSabre Custom Sedan 4-Door #P2832A	\$15,015	*12,980
1997	Chevrolet	Lumina 4-Door Sedan #P2894	\$14,305	*12,980

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BLUE BOOK RETAIL	CLOSE-OUT
1999	Chevy	Venture Extended Wagon LS 4-Door #P2884	\$21,895	*19,800
1999	Chevy	Suburban 1500 Wagon 4x4 #P2811A	\$31,925	*29,500
1999	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 #P2865	\$25,560	*21,565
1999	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 #P2755	\$23,260	*20,500
1998	Chevy	Suburban 1500 Wagon 4x4 #0190A	\$28,320	*24,700
1998	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door #P2802	\$22,645	*18,950
1998	Chevy	Astro Wagon #P2713	\$20,935	*16,500
1989	Chevrolet	S10 Blazer 4x4 #P2853A	\$6,885	*4,988
1997	Chevy	Pickup 2500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #0120A	\$20,135	*18,995
1997	Chevy	Pickup 2500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #0079A	\$20,900	*18,700
1997	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2881	\$21,170	*17,500
1996	Plymouth	Voyager Wagon #P2867A	\$13,065	*11,300
1996	Chevy	Tahoe Wagon 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2879A	\$24,105	*18,700
1996	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2800	\$20,455	*17,500
1995	Isuzu	Trooper LS Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 #P2823A	\$16,670	*15,950
1995	Chevy	Tahoe Wagon 4-Door 4x4 LT #9424A	\$23,140	*18,700
1995	Chevy	Pickup 1500 Long Bed 4x4 #0179A	\$18,025	*14,985
1995	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 2-Door 4x4 #0153A	\$16,375	*14,700
1998	GMC	Jimmy 4x4 4-Door #P2696A	\$22,000	*17,800
1992	Chevy	Pickup 1500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #P2812A	\$12,715	*10,850
1988	Chevy	S10 Blazer Sport Utility 4x4 #P2732A	\$5,540	*1,850
1987	Ford	Econoline E150 Conversion Van #0137B	\$5,405	*3,743
1987	Dodge	Ramcharger Wagon 4x4 #P2728B	\$6,165	*3,188
1987	Dodge	Pickup 150 Long Bed 4x4 #P2857A	\$6,330	*4,900
1986	Chevy	Pickup 10 Long Bed 4x4 #9504A	\$5,370	*2,977
1984	Ford	Pickup F-250 Long Bed #2727C	\$3,270	*1,365

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1998 Pontiac Sunbird Stock #P295, Black, 2WD, V-6, Power Windows & Locks. Was \$5,995

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